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New Science Building unveiled at the College

By Carolyn Steber
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

After months of loud construction and traffic in Seeger's Union, the College finally has a beautiful new building to house our ever growing science department. The lab equipment was moved in the week of July 17 and classes are now being held.

Dr. Richard Niesenbaum, Professor and Chair of the Biology department, explained the different levels of the new building. The ground floor of the new building is dedicated to Introductory Biology for science and non-science majors. The first floor is for Organismal Biology. The second floor is for Cell & Molecular Biology, Biochemistry and Neuroscience. The third floor is for Ecology and

Environmental Science and will connect to the new Chemistry space once Shankweiler is renovated. The fourth floor of Shankweiler will house the

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Dr. Richard Niesenbaum, Chair of the Biology Department

Acopian Center for Ornithology, the greenhouse, animal research and a new lecture hall once its renovation is completed in

April 2007. Each level has student and faculty research laboratories, study areas and new classrooms, some of which were specifically designed for use by the Math Department.

Special attention was paid to the environment in the planning and construction of the building. Diane Dologite, the Lab Manager from the Biology department said, "My favorite feature of the building is the fact that it is a 'green' building, meaning that it is constructed with reused/recycled materials and that special attention was paid to water conservation, energy efficiency, and waste management."

Dr. Richard Niesenbaum said, "The green building is part of an overall commit-

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The new Science building was constructed with reused and recycled material.

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First-Year class reaches record-high

By Eric Feld
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Crowding on academic row can be largely attributed to a larger than average freshman class. Though the Office of Admissions selected students for admission as normal, an unusually high number of accepted applicants chose to enroll at the College.

In a record setting applicant pool of 4,347 applicants, no specific changes were made in acceptance criteria. The difference maker, however, was what the Office of Admission referred to as the yield, or the number of students offered admission compared to those who accepted placement.

"The early admission yield was virtually identical [at 304] to last year at 309. What really changed was the dramatic jump in regular decision," said Chris Hooker-Haring, Dean of Admissions. "A year ago, 15.6 percent were accepted while 19.2 percent were accepted this year. A lot of decisions happened in the last eight days leading up to May 1."

Every year, the Office of Admissions constructs a model in an attempt to achieve a target class size. To attain an overall enrollment goal, the Office of Admissions must attempt to trace trends of the previous cycles. Because of the large freshman class, admissions will be much more conservative for the Class of 2011.

"Right now, we are aiming at a freshman class of 530. If retention is normal, we will have a total student body of 2,150 bringing us back to the total enrollment target," commented Hooker-

Haring, "This year, 44 percent of applicants were admitted. It might be down to 40 percent next year. If applications increase by 100 to 150, the percentage could be down in the 30s."

Hooker-Haring also noted that the admissions cycle for the Class of 2010 was the first full admissions with the Life Sports Center open for the entire cycle. Another key difference in the application increase may have come from the recently completed science building. Additionally, the College's support of the sciences with the new building allowed biology to replace business and theater as the top major.

With a new admissions cycle underway for the Class of 2011, perspective students are already up 15 percent. Though a new residence hall at 22nd and Chew Streets is to be constructed, it will bring students from Tremont back to the campus instead of increasing the size of the student body. There are no current aspirations of increasing the the population size of the College.

Such a boom in enrollment has happened at the College before. In the fall of 1996, the incoming Class of 2000 was the largest in history. Though Katherine Taylor Hall had been completed in the summer of 1996, it was not ready for occupancy. A larger than anticipated freshman class left upperclassmen living in a nearby hotel where they were shuttled back and forth daily.

"The problem with admissions is that it's not an exact science. We're trying to predict the behavior of 17 and 18 year old students," admitted Hooker-Haring.

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No room to spare

From the looks of it, the College appears to be an unorganized mess: construction rips up campus, the General's Quarters overcharges for the mini burger and fries combo and the campus is overrun with a new class of 616 students, 41 of which might have been living in cardboard boxes if the Office of Residential Services and Dean Green hadn't done some quick thinking. Deciding to relocate juniors from Benfer to Tremont and move sophomores from Brown into Benfer, freed up more space in the all-girls residence for frosh females.

Our hearts go out to the disappointed and peeved nomads who now have to ride the Tremont Shuttle to and from the College. Yes, you have been reduced to a pre-facial hair and birth bearing hips bus-riding status, a position you thought you graduated from when you walked to Pomp and Circumstance and threw your tasseled hat in the air. But upon closer inspection, the decision to engage in the housing shuffle was, as Dean Green put it, "a hard conscious decision on how to make space for students on campus. We knew we'd be creating havoc in their lives." Yet, ORS and Dean Green did try to make this move as painless as possible, giving the students approximately \$500 in dining dollars, increasing Tremont security and the first opportunity to move into the new housing development on 22nd and Chew Streets as soon as they are ready. We acknowledge the difficulty of not only making the decision, but executing it and applaud the speedy compensation of those who were inconvenienced.

We are sure crying fits, livid phone calls, asthma attacks and bribes ensued when the shuffle was first announced and all such responses are quite appropriate. Yet students should know, juniors were targeted to move because of their "maturity," according to one of the Senior Staff members. Sophomores are still settling into the college groove and seniors want to remember their last year as their best. The class of 2010 has gotten a bad rap for being the new lemmings of campus and for displacing some of the upperclassmen that have rightfully earned their dorms at the College. Let us place the blame on Muhlenberg's growing popularity, a good thing for everyone here, demonstrate some of this "maturity" and wholeheartedly welcome the fresh faces of 'Berg's future—the newest kicking mules.

The price isn't right

By Colin Stevenson
WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

Get ready for some interesting and creative insight to topics of various natures. My first article is of a serious nature – deadly serious.

It obviously has to deal with the \$3,000 flat screen TV sitting in the lounge area of Seegers Union.

Now this TV, grand elegance and all, is probably the most underused thing at Muhlenberg (besides said newspaper and maybe the Writing Center). I sit at the couches in Seegers with regular frequency whether there are people there or not, and after talking with friends and acquaintances I like to turn to the TV to see if anything interesting in the world is going on.

Things start to look bad as soon as I turn and see CNN. At least it's not Fox News, but I can get a chuckle out of Fox News. What really bugs me is not that I have to watch CNN, but I have to watch it for every school day that I sit there because no one can change the channel. Now I begin to wonder, was money well spent (a donation I believe) or frittered away? Because there is no way for students to have a say in what channel is watched, or how our money is spent, questions begin to arise about how my (and yours) tuition money is spent.

Colleges, not just Muhlenberg, continue to become more expensive because being competitive takes lots of capital. An article I read in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* in the 3rd floor of Ettinger last November (a great bathroom by the way) dis-

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Return of the living dead: reanimation in pop culture

By Max Lux
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

What
happens

when we die? Normally saved for moments of serious reflection, or late night philosophy sessions in a campus eatery, it's a question we hear all too much, and can never seem to answer. Those of us with unwavering faith in our religion of choice will say that we'll go to the afterlife, (normally Heaven, Hell or Purgatory) or be reincarnated as someone or something else. The wavering and philosophical among us will debate endlessly about the existence of the soul, or even discredit the idea of an afterlife stating that when our bodies die, we cease to exist. The fact of the matter is, as varied and unsure as our answers are, there is one common thread between the lot of us: we're all quite afraid of what comes next. Popular culture, always the inventive one when it comes to playing on our personal fears, puts an interesting twist on this dilemma. What if, after you died, you returned to life? A miracle, surely: all your friends and family rejoicing at your newfound life, those you love weeping in joy by your side. Right?

Wrong. On film, in graphic literature and through all other possible media outlets, this is almost never the case. If someone returns from the dead, they do so not as a functioning member of society, but as a crazed, cannibalistic zombie, utilizing the familiar shell of their former human selves to cut a swath of terror and destruction throughout the world. George A. Romero's *Dawn of the Dead*, Robert Kirkman's *The Walking Dead* and Max Brooks' *The Zombie Survival Guide*, are all massive hits in the mainstream media culture. Why?

One possible explanation can be found in the heavily religious readings one can take away from mass culture zombie epics. To quote *Dawn*: "When there's no more room in hell, the dead

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will walk the earth." Such a tenet, that the world is full of such evil that Hell itself is literally overflowing is an interesting Christian critique on the current state of nation and, by extension, the world.

Such a warning, that unless we unify not under base hatred and war but of peace and goodwill, that the world will become infested with the cannibalistic visages of our loved ones is truly poignant and especially relevant in mod-

ern society. Another possibility, still under the banner of Christian theology, is the unrighteousness of returning from the afterlife, leaving one's eternal reward in heaven, and as punishment, becoming a flesh-craving undead monstrosity. Almost anyone who has lost someone dear to them has often pondered and pined for that loved one to return to life, to once more rekindle that friendship or relationship. Yet this all changes when presented with the fulfillment of that wish, in the most perverted and horrible sense imaginable. Is the message we take from these films to be a harsh lesson on letting go of departed loved ones?

"So why don't we get out of our houses, away from our televisions, instant messages and homework for once, and go for a hike in a...park"

The comic book *The Walking Dead* follows a group of survivors in a post-apocalyptic zombie-infest-

ed world, desperately trying to simultaneously stay alive, get by and reforge the disintegrating remnants of society. Yet, there is an interesting twist here, as stated on the back cover of the first trade paperback: 'In a world ruled by the dead, we are forced to finally start living.' A undeniably positive message can be gleaned from this--that we should not take life for granted, and we should experience the world in all its majesty and wonder before it's too late. If we are indeed 'the walking dead', put on this earth with only a limited amount of time to spend, why do we waste so much of it on 'commerce and frivolous necessity'?

So why don't we get out of our houses, away from our televisions, instant messages and homework for once, and go for a hike in a (for now) non-zombie infested park? These are the days when biochemical warfare has not yet perfected a way of turning our citizens into uncontrollable undead crazed cannibals, where Max Brooks book is still considered parody, where we can still live out our remaining time to the fullest. There are various ways to interpret the message presented by this genre of popular fiction, but I personally believe that this last one is probably the most positive, not only morality-wise, but also in speaking to the escapist nature of the mediums the ideas are present in. These books and movies cause us to consciously or subconsciously reevaluate our daily lives and routines, while pretending to be simple, enjoyable fiction.

An ugly, sandy summer of survival struggles



Joe Caparoso
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

I am glad there is an overload of news to have an opinion on, like many others I am deeply distressed over the current landscape of world diplomacy.

The events in Israel and Lebanon were a graphic reminder of the instability of the Middle East. Atrocities took place on both sides of the conflict. Horrid images ran across newspapers. Certainly, the blame for the origin of the conflict can be placed squarely on the shoulders of Hezbollah and their finan-

A two front war in Israel, North Korea launching missiles, Iran still making nuclear weapons, a near terrorist attack on multiple airlines—yes, we are still at war. There have been plenty of events making headlines since I last wrote for *The Weekly*. While

cial backers, Iran and Syria. Their cross border theft of Israeli soldiers and cowardly fighting tactics of hiding amongst civilians led to some of the worst destruction of the summer. The inept Lebanon government, installed by the U.S., can't control its militias. Its nation borders shouldn't be without blame either.

Israel, no matter what George Bush says, did a poor job of handling themselves during the conflict. Outside of not making any real progress in eliminating Hezbollah, which now leaves the burden to a U.N. force, they did not do anywhere near enough to limit civilian casualties. Events like the bombing of Qana, which killed 16 children, highlighted a porous campaign that led to a staggering amount of civilian deaths. U.N. observers were also killed by an Israeli precision guided missile. The complete destruction of Lebanon's nation and infrastructure by U.S. bought missiles should provide nothing but more recruiting ammunition for radical Islamic groups.

Speaking of radical Islamic groups, the intelligence agency in Britain deserves nothing but the highest praise for stopping the plot to blow up multiple flights en route to America. Yet, the near execution of this plot is another cruel reminder of just how many Al-Qaeda and Al-Qaeda like groups have cells all over the

world. It would be hard to say we are a safer nation since September 11.

Our ongoing conflict with Iraq got progressively worse over the summer after showing progress for a period of time. Iraqi casualties have skyrocketed up 50 percent over the last few months. The growing insurgency, multiple factions and militias are increasing the chaos on the streets of the nation. It would have been nice if someone had realized what a complex and divided country Iraq was before we invaded it all those years ago.

North Korea alerted everybody this summer when it shot a missile that fortunately fell harmlessly into the sea. The failed test seemed more like a shout for attention from the communist nation than posing any real threat.

Yet, they still are a dangerous and radical regime whose next call for attention could be more costly. The issue of North Korea is also a problem because it could drive a wedge between us and the rising superpower, China. On top of all these other issues, Iran still has not agreed to stop enriching uranium to provide nuclear power. They are currently taking on a campaign of splitting the U.S. against the European Union, who is not looking for as strict of sanctions as America is. Yes, it is certainly not the safest world we live in. A myriad of issues still need to be sorted out by our President and his administration before 2008. Hopefully, they will set a new trend and make some smart decisions.

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The death of legitimate media

By Matthew O'Donnell
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Approximately two weeks ago I was watching the national news on television. The everyday stories proceeded as normal. Iraq continues to be the best/worst war ever, which we are currently winning/losing, and Iran continues to have no official interest in acquiring nuclear weapons; they simply want the nuclear capability to power their country despite the fact that they easily sit on the world's largest oil supply. Suddenly a story so pointless, so trite, and so mind-numbingly insignificant was introduced. I quickly changed the channel from CNN to Fox News. My hands began to tremble as I anxiously awaited news that would be both 'fair' and 'balanced,' but instead I was greeted with the same obnoxious story.

CBS's *Survivor* was dividing their tribes by race.

As with any other issue involving race, CBS's decision (which is not in any way a gimmick just to get peo-

ple talking about a horrible show) allowed morons everywhere to voice their opinions as to why this was the greatest crime against humanity, or why it was humanity's greatest accomplishment and yes, that includes the Renaissance.

A common characteristic of those claiming that *Survivor* is promoting racism is an inability to develop a system of measurement. If example A is racist and example B is racist, then they are equally racist. Therefore, in an effort to better serve society, I have constructed a machine that will evaluate things on a scale of one-to-racist. In order to test its accuracy, I asked the machine what it thought of the Dred Scott court decision. As I expected, the result was a solid racist rating. I then proceeded to ask the machine what it thought of *Survivor*'s new idea. I was shocked when the machine developed feelings, became enraged that I would waste its time with such a stupid question and then punched me in

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(Materialistic much?): Stalking the online stalkers

By Andrew Smith
WEEKLY BUSINESS MANAGER

News feeds, relationship updates, photo additions and new wall commentary? These new changes represent yet another bold step taken by Facebook in providing us with the most up-to-date, yet *personal*, information available. The new version of Facebook, in which one can view his/her friends' most intimate personal information, is intrusive and should be revised once more to fulfill its original objectives.

Before discussing the implications of the modern facebook, it is interesting to first understand and appreciate its foundation. The facebook website was originally created in February 2004 by Mark Zuckerberg at Harvard University. His idea (of a social network) spread across the Harvard campus very quickly and within weeks, over half the undergraduate population had already registered. By the end of February, Dustin Moskovitz and Chris Hughes joined Zuckerberg to spread the website.

Within two months, Facebook had expanded to allow students from the rest of the Ivy League and other prominent universities to register. Today, millions of users are logged into facebook, and are connected to hundreds of other people via friendships, relationships, groups and other associations.

Despite these seemingly positive intentions, facebook has gone too far in reaching its objective of simply "connecting people through various social networks." In

my opinion, this "modern" version of facebook is very personal and intrudes into students' social lives (whether they are aware of such infringement or not).

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(despite their good intentions) because our personal privacy is being compromised. Facebook, in my opinion, has become a "borderline stalkerish" way by which to communicate information that could otherwise be accomplished through other means.

Another aspect that concerns me is that many students are not made aware of the fact that colleges, universities, future employers, internship coordinators and other institutions are able to log into facebook and read personal information (that might render severe consequences for certain students). These authorities can easily search students' profiles by creating a new account or through a pre-existing one. In my opinion, it is frightening that anyone can access my personal information within minutes.

I would be careful about what you do (or write) on facebook because someone might be watching. In addition, I think we should all take steps to minimize our exposure with online networks such as facebook

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cusses how Bates College is one of the few to become a 40,000 a year school. The ever-increasing demands of students have pushed universities to adapt to become innovative, different, and improve quality of life. Muhlenberg is trying to keep up with competitors through renovation and building projects such as the Life Sports Center and Shankweiler, which have been redone, and MacGregor will soon be added to that list.

But having the most innovative school in America becomes of no use if students cannot afford to attend it because it costs 100,000 a year. I applaud the school for renovating the Life Sports Center and am neutral about the newer building projects (too early to tell), but, I hope Muhlenberg is watching the bottom line carefully. It is not who spends the most money, but who spends it the most efficiently that will win (the prizes being us, the students).

Is Muhlenberg worth 40k a year? Unlikely, with improvements still needing to be made in social life activities (being able to make butt shorts and crazy photos isn't going to stop students from consuming alcohol, except maybe for 30 minutes) and the quality of academic teachers. I'm just hoping that the administration isn't spending money where students will under use what is being given to them, not because it isn't pretty or nice, but because its intrinsic value is being negated by its inflexibility. Maybe the school should invest in a universal remote so I feel like I have a voice on campus, even if it's in a small thing like channel surfing.

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the face. While the blow to the face stung, I was still proud that I had finally proven scientifically that the state of television news is deplorable.

Not to be outdone, supporters of the *Survivor* decision came armed with their equally stupid argument. First, that this is an excellent social experiment. For this argument to work, we would need to forget that this is a television game-show and therefore meaningless in terms of trying to define race relations.

In addition to that, the social experiment argument is debased because of its close ties to racial supremacists and backwards mountaintop folk. Second, there is nothing constitutionally wrong with what CBS is doing. This argument pre-

supposes that constitutional scholars are interested in watching *Survivor*. I know for a fact this is not true, because they are all huge fans of *The Bachelor*.

Mel Gibson was arrested for drunk driving? I don't care. Angelina Jolie adopted another baby? I don't care. Some crazy guy confessed to murdering Jonbenet Ramsey and though there are numerous people who testify that he wasn't even in Colorado and there's no physical evidence linking him to the crime, you're still going to make it a lead story for a month? I don't care.

The moral of the story is that the media needs to concern itself with more important issues. Leave the gossipy drivel for the tabloids and leave the other insipid garbage where it belongs: on the Internet.

And the Mules said: "Let There Be Names!"

By Ben Jackson
WEEKLY OP/ED EDITOR

Welcome, Mules, to a new school year. A new year full of meeting new faces at your classes, bars, dorms, off-campus houses, frat parties, ruffled frat parties, and just hanging around the 'berg awaits you. We all know, or know by now at least, how hard it is to remember every one of the hundreds of faces you meet as a freshman. This year it is even harder, due to the frosh overload, to feel that you're at the small liberal arts college you applied to. Even when you are no longer at the bottom of the academic ladder of life, it is still hard to come in each year and not only remember every acquaintance's name, but to remember the names of the new people you meet as well.

Somehow at some point during the year everyone ends up in that awkward moment created by your anonymous buddy. Till this point, besides the creation of "stalkerbook", no one has proposed a real solution

to this socialization problem. Maybe there is no way to combat the overload of new faces and names other than to do the impossible and remove all the illegal drugs and alcohol, so that recalling names is possible, from campus and have one huge meet and greet on the field with Victor's Lament (this way it could actually be close to having a purpose). Instead, what I am proposing is just as radical and ill advised but doesn't involve Victor's Lament (much like everything else at the 'berg besides a good punch line).

I think we need a Name Tag Day. That's right, one day where all of the College just goes around the entire day wearing name tags especially during non school hours. This way we can finally remove that it's-half-way-through-the-school-year-and-I-still-don't-know-your-name awkwardness. Those random hookups--random no more. You might actually know their name in the morning. You don't have to even use your real name just a nickname like "Penis Face" will be identi-

fying enough if for that one day everyone knows you as "Penis Face". It will work well for knowing the names of advisors, group partners, teachers, that guy on the couch and many others who might end up creating embarrassing moments in the future.

So why gather the courage to ask someone's name and seem like an idiot to one person when you can seem like an idiot to many people with a name tag saying "Penis Face" and be accepted. We all go to "the caring college", and we do care a lot about each other usually. We just don't know which names to send the thank you cards to. The greatest part about Name Tag Day is its potential. It would be funnier than *Snakes on a Plane*. If everyone does it, it would be not only hilarious and fun but useful. Imagine when you're at that bar or party later that night you might finally end up in that place "where everybody knows your name". Viva la Revolution. NAMES: coming soon to a small liberal arts college near you.

College gets a new Career Center in Seeger's Union

By Dan Asip
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

The return of students to the College also marked the return of the Career Center to its new and improved location across from the bookstore.

The move and the opening of the new facilities was a relief to the center's staff, who had been sharing space with the Academic Resource Center, while their facility was revamped during the summer. "At the end of the academic year [last

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Interim Director of the
Career Center

year], we moved to a temporary space in the Academic Resource Center for the summer," said Cailin Pachter, Interim Director of the Career Center, "we were able to move our library over there as well, but we are glad to be in our own facility."

With a deadline for completion set for the end of August, construction of the new Career Center was

finished on schedule and just in time for students' return to campus. "The furniture arrived on Aug. 24 and we moved in on Aug. 25," said Pachter, surrounded by boxes on her office floor, evidence of the recent move. She said, "We were able to open for business when classes started and the Career Library is currently fully functional."

The new facility fills the goal of the renovation's steering committee to expand and improve space for Career Development. Pachter hopes that the new facility will be more appealing to students as well as job recruiters. "What's nice about the new space is that it's more professional," she said. "When employers come in, it's a welcoming setting with rooms dedicated to interviewing."

Along with the new facility, the Center also has and will be adding new resources to help improve the effectiveness of the office. "In our mock interview rooms, we will be adding video abilities to help students improve their interviewing skills," said Pachter. "We will also be adding several new computers to the Career Library."

Another aspect of the new facility that Pachter sees as beneficial is the improved appearance of the Career Library. "The Career Library is visible to students as they walk by. Before, some students didn't even know we had that resource avail-

able," she said. "We want students to use the library and feel comfortable using its resources."

The additional space in the new facility has also allowed for Health Professions Advisor, Lori Provost, to move her office to the Career Center. "We are now a one-stop-shop for any student who is looking for career help," said Pachter.

The Center's staff hopes that the new facility will help them meet several goals. "We want to increase the usage and visibility of the facility by increasing the resources that are available to the students," said Pachter. "With the new center, we want to revamp our website to go along with the format of the College's homepage and make it more appealing to

users."

On Wed., Sept. 20 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., the Career Center will be hosting an open house. Students are invited to visit the new facility to enjoy refreshments and meet the staff. The open house goes along with Pachter's belief in being as "accessible and welcoming as possible."



The new Academic Resource Center, shown here, was completed just in time for this academic year.

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ment of the College to deal realistically with environmental issues. As a liberal arts institution, the College has a responsibility to model ethical and sustainable living. Making the new science building 'green' is part of our commitment to meeting that responsibility. Green building causes us to rethink what a building is. The building itself becomes part of the curriculum and its novel architecture, our pedagogy. Many of us will use the green features of the building to reinforce our teaching on the environment."

Another key feature of the building is the living room areas that encourage all students to have study groups. New sofas and lounge chairs will be arriving soon. It is encouraged that anyone, even non-science majors, take the opportunity to stay and read.

Dologite adds, "We have already noticed many students studying there and faculty members stopping to talk and answer questions."

Niesenbaum said, "Teaching-Research neighborhoods and their associated 'living-rooms' are places for students and faculty to work, to think, to collaborate and discuss -- a process that goes on year-round. There were more than 35 summer research students this past year. Faculty-student research labs are spaces and opportunities for meaningful collaborative research.

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Teaching labs allow for project-based, investigative learning for all students."

Veronica Taylor '09, a pre-med student said, "The new science building is a great improvement from Shankweiler. It's much brighter and more cheery."

Emily Petchler '09 did research in the new labs this past summer with Assistant Professor of Biology, Erika Iyengar. Petchler said, "The labs are really nice! We needed an update. The professors now have separate labs near their offices so they have a definitive space in which to conduct research. I had a great time researching there this summer."

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Answer to Sudoku

Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9.

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Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Partly Sunny	Sunny	Few Showers
High: 81 Low: 60	High: 80 Low: 61	High: 78 Low: 60

Abracadabra!

Magic Program comes to campus

By Emily Rabson
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Although the College has hosted magic shows in the past, this September the College will host the fourth series of its widely known program called The Theory and Art of Magic.

This program was created in 1999 by Dr. Lawrence Hass, Professor of the Philosophy department as well as a magician. The Theory and Art of Magic program is the first program which is on-going regarding the art of magic. These artists include Teller (of Penn and Teller), John Carney, Jim Steinmeyer, Eugene Burger, Jamy Ian Swiss, and Margaret Steele and James Hamilton who will be working as a team.

The programs focus is having world renown magicians and art theorists visit the College and perform. According to the

College's website, "During their residence, these guests perform astonishing magic, teach classes and give philosophical talks on the nature of magic as an important human experience and as a performing art."

The College plans to embrace this symposium by offering classes that correlate with this program. This includes performing magic taught by a studio arts class.

The symposium will also feature an academic conference entitled Performing Magic: Theory and Practice. This program will be held from Fri., Sept. 15 to Sat., Sept. 16. The directors of this program include Dr. Francesca Coppa, Associate Professor of English and Director of the Film Studies Program, Dr. Lawrence Hass, Professor of Philosophy, and Dr. Jim Peck, Associate Professor and Head of the Theatre and Dance department.

Magic Program: Schedule of Events for September and October

John Carney

9/5, 7 p.m. - Special Lecture for Magicians, "The Real Secrets,"

9/6, 7:30 p.m. - 2006 Opening Show

9/7, 7:30 p.m. - Performance-lecture

Jim Steinmeyer

9/15 through 9/16 - The Modern Stage Illusion, Artistically Considered."

Magic Conference: "Performing Magic: Theory and Practice"

9/17, 2 p.m. - Special Lecture: "The Myth of the New Idea."

Eugene Burger

10/12, 6 p.m. - Magic Banquet and Dinner Show

10/13, 9 p.m. & 11p.m. - "Spirits! A Lecture/Demonstration."

Jamy Ian Swiss

10/22, 2 p.m. - "Method Affects Effect: Effective Methods and Methodical Effects"

10/23, 7:30 p.m. - "Magic: Close-up in Concert"

OFF CAMPUS

Allentown resident receives two kidneys from child

Judith Atiyeh, a 63-year-old Allentown resident had a kidney transplant, receiving two kidneys from a two-year-old who was in an accident. Atiyeh was the first Cedar Crest - Lehigh Valley Hospital patient to ever receive two kidneys at once in the whole 15 years that kidney transplants have been performed at the hospital.

Dr. Pradip Chakrabarti, who performed the surgery, also said that it is more difficult to transplant two kidneys at once than to transplant a single kidney. It is also extremely rare for an adult to receive a kidney from a child, since a child's kidney weighs less than half the weight of an adult kidney. The child's kidneys will grow to adult size in six to eight months.

Interesting sites at the Allentown Fair

The Allentown Fair, a seven-day fair that concluded this Mon., Sept. 4, featured many exciting events and activities. A majority of the features were located in buildings on the west end of the fairgrounds, where only about half of the people who attend the fair even walk. The Agri-Plex building is one of them. Many visitors say this building is a must see when attending the Allentown Fair in addition to all of the outdoor attractions. The building contains such things as a cake that looks like a rose in a vase, a diploma for graduating from being a baby, a 1931 Lionel train and a bottle of Neuweiler beer. Also on this end of the fairgrounds is a poultry building, featuring rabbits, chickens, pigeons and pigs.

Courtesy of The Morning Call

President creates Senior Year Experience Initiative

By Daniel Orlow
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

This past summer, during the Senior Staff Retreat, consisting of the President, Vice Presidents and Deans, an idea for an initiative dedicated to the senior year of students at the College emerged.

The initiative was a reaction to concerns expressed by students about their senior

It is hoped that SYE will help students adjust to life outside of college and face the real world with confidence and enthusiasm.

ior year and their transition into the real world. This initiative is entitled the Senior Year Experience, (SYE). The SYE is committed to helping seniors integrate their education into the real world, provide them with an opportunity to reflect on their four years here and gain a deeper understanding of what they have learned. Based on these different goals, the SYE has taken on the three-fold mission of "Integration, Transition, and Reflection."

In an email describing the initiative, President Helm poses the question, "Can we furnish more deliberately thoughtful opportunities for reflection so that they graduate with a deeper perspective on their own development, their strengths and weaknesses, and their potential for lifelong reflection?"

The question of integration, which is primarily a question of curriculum, will be handled by the existing committee structure for academics. Since the Academic Policy Committee has begun a full scale review of the College's curriculum, the process of developing methods to integrate student's knowledge into the real world will be made much easier. The other two aspects of the SYE will be handled by a task force comprised of faculty, students,

staff, alumni, and parents.

"Actual events, classes and programs have yet to be created. This is what the SYE Task force is for. Be assured that it will encompass Academia, Student Life, Cultural Life and almost every facet of the college life," remarked Ryan Campbell, Student Body President. Students who are interested in being representatives on the task force can identify themselves to Ryan Campbell who will be responsible for nominating students to the task force.

As of now, there is no scheduled time for the SYE to go into effect, although the faculty would like to have it in place for next year's seniors. However, this year's seniors may still benefit from some programs implemented next semester. There will be a website set up so that the College community can keep up with the developments of the SYE and offer observations and advice. The website will list the members on the task force, how to get in touch with them and a timeline for its activities.

It is hoped that the SYE will help students adjust to

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life outside of college and face the real world with confidence and enthusiasm. Overall, the main thrust of the Senior Year Experience task force is to help seniors on their way into the real world and give them some direction on how to best incorporate what they have learned at the College into whatever endeavors they may take up in the future.

Justin Gerstley '07 said, "It would have been nice to have the initiative for us seniors but I'm sure the classes before us will benefit from the President's task force."

Increase in student enrollment causes housing changes all over campus

By Eric Feld
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

An unexpected spike in the number of prospective freshmen accepting admission into the Class of 2010 left the College's administrators scrambling over the summer to accommodate the entire student body. The Class of 2010 included 617 students—an increase from 575 in the Class of 2009. With only 276 spaces for freshmen in Prosser, 184 in Walz, and 166 in Brown to include upperclassmen as well, housing quickly became the principle concern. After a tiring deliberation involving members of the Senior Staff, Office of Residential Services (ORS), Campus Safety and others, a painful decision was made to clear juniors from Benfer suites for freshman housing.

Two suites of junior women were displaced to the Tremont Apartment Complex without option. After receiving anticipated complaints from the parents of the displaced upperclassmen, the College agreed to provide the students with a compensation package to include a shuttle to and from Tremont, approximately \$500 in dining dollars, and additional campus safety coverage at the apartment complex. The displaced women will also be offered housing in the new residence hall at 22nd and Chew Streets upon its completion.

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Additionally, 23 rooms in Brown became triples to accommodate the extra students.

"It went against everything the lottery procedure of seniority stands for...it was the only solution," said Aaron Bova, Associate Director of Housing Services, "Once we knew the incoming number was going to be approximately 40 to 50 over our targeted and projected housing assets of 570-575 spaces, we began looking at every conceivable solution."

Initially, the only available compensation was to offer housing in the new residence hall slated to open in December. Because several of the displaced women were going abroad and therefore could not move in, the students and their parents collaborated with the College to increase the package.

"We took as many steps as possible to make the adjustment to Tremont as little as an inconvenience as possible," said Bova. He also noted that many schools such as Kutztown and Penn State experienced hundreds of additional freshmen, but do not guarantee 4 years of housing and therefore face fewer pressures than the College does.

"Our windows in our apartment are duct taped shut because they are cracked and were not fixed

for us," remarked Kyle Casey '08, "when we got here, the lock was not working correctly, so you could get in without a key."

Though the displaced juniors felt overwhelmingly singled out, ORS refuted the notion that age was the only factor in selecting students for displacement. Less than a dozen sophomores currently live off campus. "From what we hear from parents and students it is mostly because they are not ready for that change in living arrangements. This is not a perfect logic and there will always be exceptions, but decisions like this sometimes have to depend on trends and experience," said Bova.

"We added services based on family's concerns and showed Tremont Apartments to students during the summer when they asked to see them. The decision was not made lightly and I wanted to make sure once we informed the students that we would take everything they said seriously and do everything in our power to make the transition easier. If I was one of the students, I would be frustrated that I was moved," continued Bova.

"We made the best decision given the circumstances. It is not lost on me that we still have students who are upset with how this was handled," said Karen Green, Dean of Students.



A new apartment complex, being built on 22nd Street, will house some students second semester who may have been affected by the recent housing changes.

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Campus Safety Notes

Aug. 28 - Fire Alarm Sounding - The fire alarm at 2317 Liberty Street was set off due to cooking.

Aug. 28 - Sex Offense - A 38 year old exposed himself on 22nd and Gordon Street. He was arrested.

Aug. 28 - Disorderly Conduct - A parent of a student was verbally abusive to Health Care staff and a Campus Safety dispatcher.

Aug. 28 - Theft - A student's car was broken into on Liberty Street. A stereo was taken from the vehicle.

Aug. 29 - Plant Operations - A tree branch fell on a pick-up truck in the rear faculty parking lot. There was minor damage to the hood of the vehicle.

Aug. 29 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A student called and reported that she set off the alarm while cooking at 407/409 North 23rd Street.

Aug. 29 - Robbery - On 407/409 North 23rd Street, a man in a black hoodie sweatshirt who looked Hispanic robbed a student. The student was not injured.

Aug. 29 - Sick Student - A student in East Hall was reported to be unconscious due to consumption of alcohol. The student was taken to St. Luke's Hospital.

Aug. 30 - Suspicious Activity - A housekeeper yelled at a staff member of the Trexler Library.

Aug. 30 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to steam from the shower on 318 North Albright Street.

Aug. 30 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off a second time due to steam from the shower on 318 North Albright Street.

Aug. 30 - Trespassing - A six foot tall Asian man in a blue shirt was sell magazines to students on North 23rd Street. He was given a letter of trespass.

Aug. 31 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to steam from the shower in South Hall.

Sept. 1 - Burglary - A 20-25 year old African-American male about 5'11" with

baggy pants and a heavy build broke into 442 North 22nd Street and stole an X-box game set.

Sept. 1 - Institutional Vandalism - Graffiti was drawn with black magic marker on the stairwell wall leading to the second floor in Prosser Hall.

Sept. 1 - Injured Employee - An employee tripped in a hole when transporting a fire extinguisher on North Leh Street.

Sept. 1 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm on 2442 Tilghman Street went off due to cooking.

Sept. 1 - Motor Vehicle Accident - A shuttle van nicked a white car in front of Seeger's Union.

Sept. 1 - Sick Student - A Resident Advisor reported a sick student throwing up in the lobby in Walz Hall. The student was transported to St. Luke's Hospital.

Sept. 2 - Noise Complaint - Allentown Police Department cited three students for a noise violation on 423 North 23rd Street.

Sept. 2 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to burnt food in the oven on 2245 Liberty Street. A student was found passed out after playing a drinking game.

Sept. 2 - Carpentry Problem - A sign fell against a garage window 2343 Liberty Street. The window broke.

Sept. 2 - Grounds Problem - A tree was knocked down on 428 Albright Street due to the storm. The tree did not cause damage.

Sept. 2 - Grounds Problem - A tree fell and landed on a car on 2235 Gordon Street in the parking area in the rear. The tree does not belong to the College.

Sept. 2 - Vandalism - Someone tried to break into a convertible by slicing its top on North 26th Street. They were not able to break in.

Sept. 2 - Intoxicated Person - An intoxicated student was throwing up at the football stadium and was transported to St. Luke's. The student was not charged criminally.

Sept. 3 - Underage Alcohol - Five freshmen were confronted with alcohol in a room in Prosser Hall. They were forwarded to the Judicial Process.

Sept. 4 - Theft - An individual reported that his pills had been stolen from an unlocked desk drawer in the Center for the Arts.

Sept. 4 - Animal Complaint - A rabbit was reported as a pet in a room on the second floor of Brown Hall.

Sept. 4 - Theft - A few students were found at Wegmans, by Broadway and Springhouse Road, lost and with a Wegmans shopping cart. The South Whitehall Police investigated the situation. The students were not charged criminally, they were brought back safely to the College campus.

Sept. 4 - Drug Possession - Two male students were found smoking marijuana on the first floor of Robertson Hall. They were referred to the Judicial Process.

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Life!

"Nobody takes life seriously because nobody gets out alive anyways."

-Anonymous

John Rush: *More than a one man band*



Excited Muhlenberg students line up for autographs from John Rush after seeing him perform in Seegers this past Friday.

and Garfunkel and Eric Clapton. Rush constantly adds to his repertoire, asking audiences to send him suggestions for new songs to learn.

Rush's show is interactive, he lets the audience vote on what they want to hear. People can yell out titles or write them on sticky notes while Rush is playing. Being a one-man band, Rush needs to be a musician and an entertainer.

He interjects anecdotes about his time as a struggling artist in Nashville, his views on Bush, and how Dave Matthews "forced non-radio friendly music" into the mainstream. Not only does Rush need to single-handedly captivate the audience, but he needs to perform music usually played by multiple people. To do this, Rush uses a looping machine.

This machine allows Rush to record a guitar loop which is replayed by the machine until he erases it to record another. As the guitar loop repeats, Rush "plays lead bass, harmonica, piano, and percussion over it" (www.johnrush.com), creating the illusion of a band. When asked why he plays solo, Rush said that it's about survival. He makes more money solo than he ever made playing in bands.

Rush, who grew-up in Alabama, began playing guitar at age 12.

Later he attended the University of Georgia on a classical guitar scholarship, but has since sold his classical guitar to buy equipment.

Surprisingly, Rush did not begin singing until he was 20; he started performing at colleges five years ago.

Now Rush tours eight months out of the year, doing over 200 shows at campuses and clubs. Being on the road can be difficult, especially creatively. Rush continues to write his own music, though hotel rooms and the inside of his van are not partic-

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John Rush autographs a t-shirt for one of his fans after his show in Seeger's Lobby on Friday night.

By Jackie Starnier
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Muhlenberg has had some pretty good weekends, but this year's first weekend has certainly started off with a bang. John Rush, who performed in Seeger's lobby on Friday

night, is a kind of musical chameleon. In addition to original songs, Rush plays "more than 600 songs and over 150 different groups" (www.johnrush.com). On Friday night alone, he played and sang songs by Jack Johnson, Pink Floyd, Dave Matthews Band, Simon

PHOTO BY JEN SHERLOCK

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHAT IS THE SCARIEST THING THAT'S HAPPENED TO YOU IN YOUR FIRST WEEK AT MUHLENBERG?



"I was assigned an 80 page reading assignment for FYS."

- Dan Abrams '10



"Some random guy yelled at me in a drunken rage...I think he wanted fro yo!"

- Jamaris DeJesus '10



"Throw up everywhere...the lounge...the shower...it wasn't me!"

- Mike Cooperhouse '10



"I waited in line for 2 hours to get booty shorts."

- Tom Stamm '10



"Having the same awkward conversations with new people over and over again."

- Allison Lobel '10

Compiled by Kim Nguyen

Parody or not Johnny Cardle is no joke

By Erin McGroarty
WEEKLY LIFE! EDITOR

We've brought in many comedians and musicians on to the Muhlenberg campus but rarely do we get the comedian musician combo. Johnny Cardinale is a young comedian who sings and plays guitar in his routine. He describes himself as a stand-up comic that also does "comedy with my guitar, as in song parodies, impressions...I also do singing and songwriting that is not comedic and more serious type songs (think: Jackson Browne)."

Cardinale originally hails from Cleveland, OH but moved to Hollywood to pursue his career. He not only tours around the US but has performed in major clubs in Los Angeles, CA and has written and directed a short film for Ifilm.com.

Though he is well on his way to making a name for himself, he has often been compared to Adam Sandler and Jimmy Fallon. The similarities between Cardinale and either comedian are easy to see when watching his routine, especially between Sandler and Cardinale when he starts to break into song. He boasts of being able to sound like almost any singer or band. Cardinale often pokes fun at bands like Backstreet Boys, REM or Coldplay but says he's not limited to present day artists.

Cardinale's act is also clean and upbeat; he doesn't resort to some crude humor often used by other comedians today. He will be performing on Saturday night from 10:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. in the Student Union. Go check him out and put his musical abilities to the test.

Festive bean dip for a flavorful fiesta

1 can Refried Beans
8 oz. Sour Cream
1 pkg Cream Cheese softened
1 pkg Enchilada or Taco Mix
Monterey Jack Cheese
(buy the shredded kind)
Cheddar Cheese
(buy the shredded kind)

To make this easy bean dip for any party take the Refried beans, sour cream, enchilada or taco mix and the monterey jack cheese and mix them together in a piece of oven or microwave safe cookware. For you boys that means no styrofoam. Cover with a layer of the cheddar cheese and bake at 350 degrees until the top layer has melted. Serve with chips and ENJOY!

Stephen Kellogg and the Sixers give more than SNAP CRACKLE and POP

By Luanne Linares
ASST. LIFE! EDITOR

As a whole it's safe to say we're good at bringing in some big names for students to enjoy. Our next big act to hit the campus will be the well known band Stephen Kellogg and the Sixers.

We will be playing host for the inspiringly mellow rock band next Fri., Sept. 8, at 10:00 p.m. in the Red Door in Seegers. Because of their popularity, plan to come early to get a good seat. Come really early if you're looking for a seat on one of the comfortable couches and not just a perch on one of the pool tables.

This quartet (yes, that's right there are only four of them, not six) has been performing and building a steady fan base for quite a while now. In the past two years alone they have played nearly 300 shows

all over the U.S.

Originally from Massachusetts, this band has now traveled all over the U.S. and will be getting a lot more miles logged on their speedometer with their new contract under the label Universal Records, who will help showcase their talents and new self-titled cd to a much broader fan base. They're also starting another nation-wide tour that they're hoping will help get their name out a little more as well.

The songs are all written and sung by Kellogg, with musical accompaniment by the members of the Sixers: Brian Factor, drums, Chris Soucy, guitar, and Keith Karlson, bass and piano.

Their lyrics are honest and simple, with a profundity that the listener doesn't expect to hear from songs with titles like "You've Changed," "Keep

me in your Thoughts" and "Start the Day Early."

Of their lyrics and overall sound Kellogg says, "We're always looking to put something in the song that makes your cheeks get hot, or makes you go - Ooh that's the money spot. We like to hold back, so there's a payoff when you get it."

The majority of the songs have to do with relationships and how they can be affected by factors such as distance, time and possibly other people. Not exactly an uncommon subject matter, but he puts his own twist on this classic topic.

Most people who are fans say that they like his music because they are able to relate to the lyrics. Most of his lyrics are straight forward enough to make listeners feel as though they too have experienced the different relationship situations that he

talks about even if they haven't.

When trying to compare his lyrics to other artists, Kellogg could be compared to John Mayer in subject matter. But he is clearly more like the Dave Matthews Band when you compare his sound--honest and sincere. A sound that clearly never tires.

This band is really worth a listen if you are unfamiliar with them. From the sounds of some of their new tracks, the intimacy of their lyrics will make for a fun and touching set. Though not sentimental enough to be just for the girls.

No matter what your sex, if you weren't a fan of the band before the show then it may make you a fan before you can sing along to "See you later, See you soon."

Source:
Band biography on
www.stephenkellogg.com

AMC Weekend Listings



Accepted

Fri. 4:50, 7:50, 10:10
Sat. 4:50, 7:50, 10:10
Sun. 1:50, 7:50, 10:10

Beerfest

Fri. 10:45, 4:10, 9:45
Sat. 10:45, 4:10, 9:45
Sun. 10:45, 4:10

The Covenant

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 9:50
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 9:50
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

Invincible

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 9:40
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 9:40
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

The Protector

Fri. 4:50, 7:50, 10:00
Sat. 4:50, 7:50, 10:00
Sun. 1:50, 4:50, 7:50

Talladega Nights

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Step Up

Fri. 1:10, 7:10
Sat. 1:10, 7:10
Sun. 1:10, 7:10

Wicker Man

Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:15
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:15
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

World Trade Center

Fri. 7:00, 9:50
Sat. 7:00, 9:50
Sun. 7:00, 9:50

Rubbing rumps at 3 a.m.

By Lily Hatfield
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

most importantly, sexy semester!

Now as sure as I am that you all are dying to hear about MY summer, I feel as though we have more pressing issues at hand. It seems that in just under the two weeks we have spent here at school, some of you have forgotten the most basic rules and etiquette of college romance! Tisk, tisk. Well don't worry because this is your refresher course.

There is a certain, special time of night here on the Muhlenberg College campus, and it's when something very magical happens. It's 3 a.m. on a going-out night. These can include but are not limited to: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Lupo's is closed, everyone is back from Wawa and gentle silence starts to fall upon the land. The streets are quiet and all is peaceful. Then, through the silence comes "clickity clickity click...beep beep!" This can only be one thing: The Booty Call Text Message.

The Booty Call Text Message is very closely related to its cousin, the Booty Call. The main difference is that a booty call requires actual telephone conversation. The Booty Call Text message requires no talking, but still gets the same point across to the receiver: You are drunk, horny and want to get laid.

In this day and age of cell phones and AIM, where typing has replaced actual conversation, the booty call text message has become a new form of courting. They start out simply enough: "Hey, what's up." Simple enough, but some people like to get creative with messages like, "I am so freaking wasted right now, what are you doing?"

If you have received a curious message and are unsure if you have a booty cell text message on your hands, here is a simple test you can perform to find out. If it is between the hours of 8 a.m. and 1 a.m. you are safe. Most likely just someone actually interested in what you are doing. It is between 1 a.m. and 3 a.m., it's kind of a gray area and more research

Holler at your girl readers! Welcome back to the 'Berg for what I hope will be a super fun, safe, smart and

needs to be conducted. But if you hear your phone going beepbeepbeep at 3:01 a.m. you better believe you have a booty call text message. Don't get confused, at 3 a.m. no one cares what you are actually doing or what you did in the previous hours. All anyone wants to know is if you are awake and ready to get it on.

The booty call text message is a preferable method of communication for several reasons. First of all, very little effort is involved. The party sending the message only has to type a few words and click send. It decreases the probability of being verbally shut down. But more likely, the person is so drunk that they can't speak a proper sentence, so it's easier to just type. And if the person never writes back, it's no big deal, it's much easier to take than actual rejection, and most people will answer a simple question like "hey what's up" anyway. If you ever get a message that says, "hEy Wqat'5 &p?" at 3 a.m., this is a booty call text message typed by someone who is probably half asleep under their neighbors mailbox. Don't respond, don't encourage this kind of behavior.

If you are a frequent receiver of these pesky messages, the best advice I can give you is to just ignore them. If you really like the person and want to get to know them better, try asking them out to lunch or coffee. Meeting during normal hours is much better than walking over to someone's house or dorm in the middle of the night. You will be able to tell if the person is really interested in you if they agree to meet during the day, on your terms.

One of the things that I need to stress about life at the College is that this campus is a bubble. You've heard of six degrees of separation? Well here it is more like two degrees. Everyone knows everyone and everyone's business. So guys and girls, try to keep it to one booty call text message per person per night. You never know when you might just booty call text message two people who know each other or say... live in the same house and sleep 15 meters apart. You don't want to be the laughing stock of the sorority/fraternity/M.I.L.E. house. Stay safe, stay sexy Muhlenberg and welcome back!

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Flair at the Allentown Fair

By Alexis Kaczmarczik
Weekly LIFE! Writer

It's the first week of school which can only mean three things: Poster sale, mad dashes to Target and of course the Allentown Fair. Unfortunately for the latter, the Fair, which ran all week long, the weather was not cooperating. This year the Fair was seriously hindered by coldness, rain and just generally bad weather. Friday night, which usually attracts the majority of fairgoers, instead drew just a handful of townies brave enough to bear the cold damp grounds.

This year the fair brought an eclectic and popular array of music, including Black Eyed Peas, Flaming Lips and the legendary James Taylor. The concerts were the one part of the fair that were consistently packed, with die hard fans coming out to enjoy the music in the humble concert arena. Those who weren't lucky enough to get tickets were standing in a cluster just outside the gates, watching the giant screens project their favorite artist.

On Friday night, James Taylor



A typical booth along the stretch of the fair--bright and lit to attract fairgoers' attention.

pleased the crowd by playing all of his classic songs and even came back for two encores. His smooth voice carried all throughout the fair, supplying entertainment for everyone. A couple who were obviously hardcore Taylor fans, and were standing outside the stadium with a pair of tiny binoculars in order to see Taylor, received a surprise when a passerby handed them two extra tickets to the concert.

Throughout the rest of the fairground there was the usual stands of funnel cake and cheese fries were ready for business. There were also plenty of tents covering the picnic tables, though the absence of crowds left the grounds unusually depressing. Though for those who came out the smell of grease and fried food hit you as soon as you entered the fair, making it impossible to pass by the line of concession stands without picking something up to eat.

Although the rides didn't see a whole lot of business, they continued to run, with bright colors flash-

PHOTO BY ALEXIS KACZMARCZIK

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ularly inspiring.

So far Rush has released three CDs, which he financed himself: *They Don't Know My Name* (2000), *Songs from the Road* (a collection of live recordings), and his latest *Always Touring* (2006). As evidenced by the title of his most recent CD, Rush travels often, playing wherever he can, and his hard work has paid-off.

He has opened for the well known and popular groups Fuel, Eve 6, and Vertical Horizon. In 2004 he also won two awards; he was voted Musician of the Year by CampusAwards.com and Entertainer of the Year by Campus Activities Magazine.

Rush is still waiting for his so called big break, a record deal, but he's also happy with what he's done and is doing now: playing intimate venues and sharing his passion for the guitar.

As the crowd waned, Rush ended the night with a bang, playing the last track from his CD *Always Touring*, "Coconuts." With names from the audience, Rush created a racey song about, well, 'coconuts' in their various anatomical forms. "I would like to work with a really good producer and put out a good CD and get it in millions of peoples' hands," said Rush of his aspirations. One can only hope that we'll see him on itunes sometime in the future.

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ing above the stands. People still found time to play the fair games, throw balls into hoops and spin wheels to win a stuffed bear for their significant other. The live animals were still outside making as much noise as ever despite the weather, with the

matted sheep clumped together in their pens.

Although this wasn't the best year for the Allentown Fair, it was still enjoyable. There was amazing music, good food you can only find at a carnival and good games for anyone who was willing to step out into the rain and make the most of it.



Rain highlights the road through the fair grounds on a Friday night.

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Fantasy Football

Top Running Back Preview

By Frank Citera
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

WHO ARE THE TOP 10 FANTASY FOOTBALL RUNNING BACKS?

It's that time of year again. Time to take out your draft cheat sheets, argue with your friends over how you figure out the draft order, what the payouts are, and what order to draft LJ, LT and Shaun Alexander. It's Fantasy Football time. In this week's article, I will rank my top 10 picks at running back. Here is the list, followed by the reasoning behind each pick:

Larry Johnson
Shaun Alexander
Ladanian Tomlinson
Tiki Barber
Stephen Jackson
Edgerrin James
Rudi Johnson
Ronnie Brown
Clinton Portis
LaMont Jordan

Larry Johnson

In the 10 games that LJ carried the ball over 20 times, he averaged an insane 144.4 yards per game rushing and scored 17 touchdowns--enough said.

Shaun Alexander

Could arguably go #1 over LJ. He was last year's NFL MVP.

LaDanian Tomlinson

He is probably the most versatile back out there. He, LJ and Alexander are all in another world together.

Tiki Barber

Like every critic has said, he is getting old. But every year he still seems to prove the critics wrong. With a little help from a seasoned Eli, he may see fewer touches but for bigger gains.

Stephen Jackson

Like LJ before him, Jackson has emerged from the shadow of one of the best running backs in the game to take over the starting role for good. He had a big year last year and without Faulk taking away about 150 carries, he should have a huge year.

Edgerrin James

Say what you want about the O-Line, the Edge will find a way. Teams will be more worried about what is turning into the next Tori Holt - Isaac Bruce tandem in Anquan Boldin and Larry Fitzgerald. Ironically, Kurt Warner will be the starting quarterback.

Rudi Johnson

Johnson is a huge part of what might turn out to be the NFL's best offensive team barring a healthy Carson Palmer. He gets a lot of touches and Chad Johnson's big mouth will keep defenses more focused on try-

ing to stop him, (key word there is trying), rather than center in on Rudi.

Ronnie Brown

Like Jackson before him, Brown will benefit from seeing more touches. With Ricky Williams suspended, again, Brown will reap the benefits of seeing an extra 150 carries and be the Dolphins premier running back. If Daunte can put the knee injury behind him, Brown may have an even better year.

Clinton Portis

This guy should really be a top five back but his shoulder injury knocks him down a few picks. If he only misses a week or two this is where he falls on my list. If he misses the first month, he doesn't deserve top 10 consideration.

LaMont Jordan

It was a toss up here between him and Cadillac Williams. Williams was outstanding in his rookie season but injuries caught up on him. Jordan has maintained his health and will be called upon time and again in a Raiders offense that will need him to grind away yardage. He also had 70 receptions last season.

Well, there it is. These are my top 10 running backs and the reasons why.

Trash talking takes World Cup down a notch

By Ben Jackson
WEEKLY OP/ED EDITOR

Italian national soccer team member Marco Materazzi, recently admitted to provoking French national soccer team captain Zinedine Zidane, into a costly mental mistake during the World Cup Final.

The famous French superstar, who came out of retirement to play in the World Cup, head butted Materazzi in the chest during second overtime and just before penalty shots in a tie game for the World Cup Final. Zidane, who scored France's lone goal during regulation, claimed he was provoked by Materazzi and only was acting in defense of his family pride.

The action by the French captain earned him a red card and his team, the challenge of having to play a man down for the rest of the most important soccer match in the past four years. More importantly, however, it took away Zidane's masterful foot during the eventual shoot out that decided the fate of France's World Cup run. Zidane, who later won the golden ball for being the World Cup Tournament's best player, was replaced by fellow Frenchman David Trezeguet.

To further the burden of guilt felt by the French captain, Trezeguet was the only French player to miss a shot in the penalty shoot-outs, which went on to win the game by with a score of 5-3. After an amazing career and magnificent run with the French national team, Zidane head butted himself into retirement and infamy.

Materazzi has said that the altercation went something like the following. Zidane, responding to Materazzi holding his shirt by telling him that if he wanted his jersey (which soccer players exchange with other rivals who they respect for their skill after games) that he could get it after the game.

That's when Materazzi's come back about taking off Zidane's sister's shirt helped

spark the Frenchman's blood to a boil which ended in a series of events that unraveled the French teams chances of securing their second World Cup Championship in three tries.

The Italian defender continues to claim that he has nothing to apologize for and that worse comments are made on soccer fields across the globe everyday. Both players were punished by F.I.F.A., although Zidane's suspension was turned into community service since his retirement would put him into a self imposed indefinite suspension from professional soccer matches.

These events bring to light the affects of trash talking and how widely prevalent it is. Much more shocking, however, is how deep of an impact it seems to have and how it seems to have evolved into a part of the game in the same way that Materazzi's holding onto Zidane's jersey was no longer even questioned as a foul or wrong doing by the Italian himself or the world news media who reported the World Cup changing event. Even F.I.F.A., the world soccer governing body, ignores the issue as the sport continues to grow more physical every year.

Trash talking by itself is no reason to worry as long as the powerfully antagonizing speeches are kept away from the public's ear and violent reactions, such as Zidane's are not commonplace. The World Cup trash talking incident also brings to the forefront the issue of which sport is next to take it one step too far and where is the future of sports taking us.

How F.I.F.A. and the world reacts to the aftermath of this incident will go a long way for giving us a preview of the role of after-the-whistle-violence in the future. One can only hope the next World Cup Final, won't come with a "what if he never talked about his sister" asterisk.

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Dedicated on the field and off

Mule Profile--Mike Hart

By Frank Citera
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Mike Hart transferred here in the spring semester of 2004. Hart is from Basking Ridge, NJ. He is majoring in Business Administration with concentrations in Entrepreneurial Studies and Marketing. He has been a starter since freshman year on the Varsity baseball team and has a career batting average over .320.

Baseball is not the only part of Hart's life here at Muhlenberg. He takes his academics very seriously, and also holds the position of Rush Chair in his fraternity Alpha Epsilon Pi. When asked about how his fraternity has affected his college career Hart said, "It has been an extremely positive experience and I have

made friendships with people that I know will last forever. I became Rush Chair this year because I want to make sure others share in this great experience."

Hart spent the first half of his junior year studying abroad in Australia. When asked about his experience there Hart said, "It was the best time of my life. The only thing missing were my family and friends from here." He went on to say, "It was interesting to see how other people live and expanded my

knowledge of other cultures." While there, Hart studied at Macquaire University and also played

baseball for the University.

Hart's career at Muhlenberg started off with a bang. In his first game, he went 4-5 with two doubles and two triples. Hart has a share in a few Muhlenberg records as well. He is third all-time in triples with 11 holds, the record for extra base hits in a game with four and was named Centennial Conference Player of the week last year after getting ten hits in fourteen at bats.

Unfortunately, for the team and for Hart, he injured his shoulder

and was out for much of the season. Looking back on last year's season Hart said, "It was unfortunate that I got hurt. I have done a lot of re-hab this off season and am looking forward to contributing any way I can this season."

When asked about how he feels about the team's capabilities this year he said, "We have a good group of guys with a lot of talent, but we still have a lot of work to do to reach our goals." In his opinion, he feels that this is the most talented Muhlenberg team he has ever played on. When he came here his freshman year, he dreamed of going to the playoffs and winning a Conference Championship. Hopefully this year, Hart's, as well as the rest of the team's dream, will come true.



Hart takes the plate and hits one home, giving the audience reason to cheer.

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Mules Weekend Schedule

	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Football		vs. William Patterson @ 1	
Field Hockey	vs. DeSales @ 7 pm		vs. Oneota State @ 12
Volleyball	Buttermaker Tournament Begins with Mules vs. Centenary @ 4	Buttermaker Tournament Concludes @ 10 am	
Womens Soccer	Mule Classic vs. DeSales @ 7pm		Mule Classic vs. Scranton @ 7
Mens Soccer		vs Moravian @ 1	

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Mules off to a great start

By Brandon Mefford
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The Mules finished up their game and started their record off just the way any football team would love to start their season. Just 13 seconds into the game, Sophomore Frandon Doyle returned the kickoff 94 yards for the first six points in the game versus the College of New Jersey. There was no looking back as the crushing defense allowed the other team only 79 total yards all game. Sophomore Matt Rathbun led the defense with eight tackles, including two for a loss and partially blocked a punt. Senior Chris Musselman also had two tackles for loss.

The offense load was carried by Sophomore back John

DeLuca who rushed for 69 yards and had a late touchdown to put the game away.

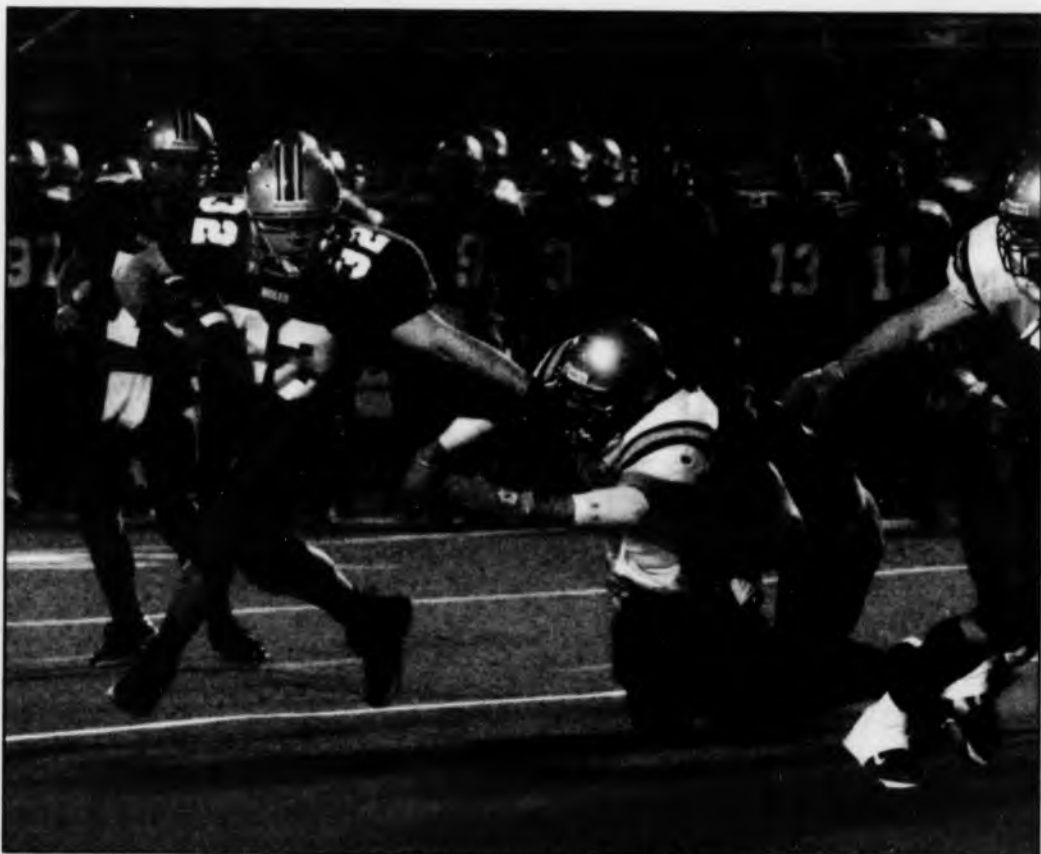
Senior quarterback Eric Santagato was 15-of-21 passing for 145 yards with a QB sneak for a touchdown. Special Teams were also a vital key to the game with Senior Timothy Hughes was 3-for-3 on extra points and booted a 27-yard field goal. Senior Ryan Sassman downed a punt at the 2-yard line. Senior Anthony Acquafredda recovered the ball after his kickoff was fumbled and Senior Derek DiMattina blocked an extra-point try. Doyle was named to the Centennial Conference Special Teams player of the week. The Mules next opponent is this Saturday versus William Paterson at 1:00 p.m. at Scotty Wood Stadium.



Senior fullback Keith Shavoy carries the ball.



Sophomore quarterback Eric Santagato prepares to make a pass.



Sophomore running back John DeLuca carries the ball to seal Muhlenberg's 24-14 win over TCNJ.

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Multicultural center finally gets a home

By Julie Eisen
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

"How does Muhlenberg do better on the issues of diversity?" asks Chris Hooker-Haring, Dean of Admission and Financial Aid in an interview last week. A select group of faculty, staff and students spent the 2005-06 academic year formally discussing this question, which led to a physical goal: The Multicultural Center.

The Multicultural Center, a newly acquired house at 2252 Chew Street, is in the last stages of reconstruction and will be up and running soon, with an official opening ceremony slated for Sat., Oct. 14 during Homecoming weekend.

The top floor of the house will become the new Office of International Programs suite for study abroad, while the bottom

floor will accommodate diversity-encouraged life. There will be a classroom for relevant courses, space for speakers and meetings, and a kitchen and lounging area to support social activities and hanging out.

The mission of the house, according to Dr. Janine Chi, Assistant Professor of Sociology and Co-Chair of the Multicultural Center, is to create a space "that is devoted to those interested in exploring, cultivating and examining diversity in all of its forms." The full mission statement electronically

published last November can be viewed at the President's Office website.

The house will most specifically support the multicultural clubs on campus: the Asian Student Association, the International Student Association, the Black Students Association, Comunidad Latina the Soul Sound Steppers and the Gay-Straight Alliance.

Additionally, Dr. Ethel Drayton-Craig, Director of the Multicultural Center, plans to implement the house for the use of speakers, community outreach in

"There will be informal coffee clutches, dinners, snacks or whatever they want to watch, DVDs and the like."

Dr. Ethel
Drayton-Craig,
Director of the
Multicultural Center

Allentown and informal socializing. "It's hoped that students across the entire campus are going to enjoy coming over to the Multicultural Center that they will have activities just to sit and socialize. There will be informal coffee clutches, dinners, snacks or whatever they want to watch, DVDs and the like," said Drayton-Craig.

Modeled after the very successful Hillel house, the goal is to create a laid back and unified atmosphere for ethnic and cultural minorities similar to that created for the Jewish community on campus.

Rieko Takahashi '07, President of the International Students Association, said, "Just like the Hillel House, where people can just go and have a barbeque, we wanted a place

for multicultural students."

A desired consequence of the Center is a quantifiable increase in the College's ethnic diversity. Hooker-Haring said, "Anything that the College can do to create a better, more supportive, more understanding climate for ethnic diversity and multicultural diversity will really help the admissions process."

Rosalie Aponte '07, an active member of Comunidad Latina, said that the Center "will help now for [prospective] multicultural students to see that there is a place that is supposed to represent different cultures, backgrounds and lifestyles. For me, it would have been more of a reason why I would want to come here. I did come here knowing what I was getting into—diversity and multiculturalism weren't really on campus, but the good thing about the College is that you can definitely change that, and that's what the center is going to do."

Changing how the College community views issues of diversity must first start with a change in mentality. Constant exposure to a variety of ideas and people provokes thought and acceptance. With the induction of the Multicultural Center, the increased campus-wide publicity of the multicultural sorority Theta Nu Xi, and the fresh perspective of Karen Green, Dean of Students, the College is making notable progress.

Dr. Chi said, "As long as it pushes people to think, to think about who they are and who others are, that's the objective. Thinking is underrated."

By Kim O'Brien
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

After over two years of planning and deliberation, the College will begin to offer a minor in Public Health. Ratified in April 2007, this interdisciplinary minor will educate students on protection and improvement of at-risk individuals and communities affected

"The minor offers a lot of control and autonomy."

Susan Kahlenberg,
Assistant Professor
of Media and
Communications

by a variety of health risks. Students will be introduced to five main areas of public health: biostatistics, health education, public policy, epidemiology and environmental and occupational health.

Dr. Susan Kahlenberg, Assistant Professor of Media and Communication, will serve as the director for the program. Kahlenberg teaches Health Communication, one of many elective options that can be taken to fulfill the minor. "The minor offers a lot of control and autonomy," said Kahlenberg. "The essence of our curriculum was pulling out classes that were pre-cursors to other majors."

The minor's requirements fall into four categories: Introduction and Overview of Public Health (to be offered in Fall 2007), Knowledge of Statistics, Knowledge of Human

Living Systems and How They Connect to Society, and Knowledge of Social, Behavioral, Cultural, and Economic Context of Public Health. Many students will find they have already fulfilled several Public Health requirements through their major.

For instance, students majoring in the sciences will find that they have already fulfilled the Human Living Systems requirement (this category includes Biology, Chemistry and Environmental Science). The fourth category of the curriculum allows students to choose electives covering a breadth of disciplines including communications, economics, history, philosophy, psychology, business, environmental studies, history, political science and sociology.

"I feel that many students will come into Public Health through the back door," said Kahlenberg, explaining that although students may not begin their

"You're exposed to different lifestyles. It's so much more than just health care."

Scott Kramer '09

college education attracted to Public Health, they'll eventually encounter aspects of it relating to their interests and major.

Another key component of the curriculum takes place outside of the classroom. Students are encouraged to get involved in vol-

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When will the postman ever return?

This is the era of technology: hybrid cars, iPods, Blackberry's, paper thin TVs, computer chip infused sneakers. If the increase in technological conception and production is a reflection on the prosperity of a nation, then I would say we are doing well. However, if graded on the excellence and quality of our personal interactions, we are failures.

It all started with the email: a thing of undeniable convenience that can transcend land and water, scale mountains and cross countries. Marvelous for automatic responses, discoursing with large groups of people and mailing in that late paper, the computer, with all its fancy capabilities, seems to have taken all the sentimentality out of communication. Call us old-fashioned, backwards even, but we believe in the occasional posted letter with the comical Looney Tunes stamp tacked to its right corner. Phone calls to old friends to 'catch up' are a thing of the past, because we are all 'caught up' due to five minute chats in the car while speeding down the highway. But when was the last time you actually listened, really listened, and not just used their talking as background music to the iPod hits resonating through your car speakers?

Podcasts recently made their Muhlenberg debut on the College website, evoking flashbacks to Disney Channel's movie *Zenon: Girl of the Twenty First Century*. Living on a space station suspended somewhere in our galaxy, Zenon uses podcasts to tune into classes held down on earth. And though there is this sense of being 'tuned in' or in-the-know through this intergalactic device, there is a sense of being disconnected as well, even for this girl who is so fashion forward as to wear shiny pink spandex and metallic tunics. Although only a movie, Zenon's philosophical message actually has a name: digital rift.

Digital rift is a real and tangible problem, defining the difficulty in communication between those who have access to such things as computers, TVs and cell phones, and those who don't. From gigabytes to terabits, webcams to text messaging, the heartfelt, personal way to communicate has been replaced by the easiest way. Somewhere along the road, our society has gotten tangled up in the metal shards, wires, hard drives and CPUs of this technological wasteland. We need to weed out way and get back to basics, start communicating like real people and not like one machine to another.

Thank God for posters

By Matthew O'Donnell
WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

The other day I woke up and was deeply concerned by a small emptiness in my conscience. It was a perfectly normal day, but something was missing. Though concerned, the daily drudgery awaited me so I dressed and prepared for another day. I was just about to step out the door when suddenly the question that eluded me came full force: "Should I rape women?"

Immediately, I stopped and

began to ponder this question which once seemed so easy. An entire lifetime flashed before my eyes in an effort to recall any advice I might have received. Parents, school officials, religious figures, the entire legal system and common sense were all clouded in a gray haze of uncertainty as to whether or not the forcible sexual subjugation of another human being was morally or legally wrong. Images of parades being held for astronauts came to mind, but I couldn't remember if they were being celebrated for their glorious return from the mystical unknowns of space or because they raped people.

Realizing that I could not simply isolate myself forever, I took a chance and went outside hoping to

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A war of survival

By Joshua Suchow & Michael Tenehaus
WEEKLY GUEST WRITERS

Joe Caporoso's article, "An ugly, sandy summers of survival struggles", suggests that the Bush administration should have been more neutral in the Hezbollah/Israel conflict this summer and that Israel was somehow wrong in their response to terrorism. According to Caporoso, "Israel, no matter what George Bush says, did a poor job of handling themselves during the conflict." His criticism of Israel revolves around Lebanese civilian casualties and the destruction of Lebanon's infrastructure. While Caporoso acknowledges that Hezbollah, Iran and Syria were the cause of the conflict, he creates a moral equivalency by implying that Israel was just as wrong with their response.

This illusion was rampant throughout the media under the terminology of a "disproportionate use of force." However, Israel was attacked by a terrorist organization over an internationally recognized border. After Al Qaeda's unprovoked attack against the World Trade Center, one may say that our response in Afghanistan was "disproportionate." After Japan's unprovoked attack against Pearl Harbor, one may say our response was "disproportionate." Why is it that when this happens to Israel, the world condemns and sets a time limit for Israel to defend itself?

The response to a terrorist attack must not be weighed on a scale compared to the attack itself. Why is it that Israel receives such unfavorable press when it is upholding its moral obligation to protect its citizens and defend its internationally recognized border from terrorism? Let it be noted that Hezbollah is the same terrorist organization that murdered 241 American Marines in a terrorist attack against their barracks in 1983. Why is the Bush Administration wrong in taking Israel's side? Israel's war on terror is a focal point of the global war on terror.

Caporoso states that Israel's U.S. bought missiles will incite radical Islamic groups as if they are not already dedicating their daily lives to their hatred for America, Israel, Jews, Christians and the West in general. This stark reminder can be emphasized by Ayman al-Zawahiri's recent call for the destruction of Israel in a video aired on the five year anniversary of September 11th.

Does this imply that America should not supply Israel with weapons? It is America's moral obligation to supply Israel with weapons not only because they are the only true democracy in the Middle East, but also because they use the weapons strictly for self-defense.

In the instance of Qana, the location bombed by the IAF was the same location that Hezbollah used to fire over 150 rockets purposely aimed at killing civilians in the Northern areas of Israel. Caporoso claims that Israel did not do enough to limit civilian casualties. Hezbollah uses Katyusha rockets with the intention of killing as many innocent civilians as possible, while Israel uses precision-guided missiles in order to limit the number of civilian casualties. It must also be noted that Israel warned the civilian population that the area would be bombed through leaflets and radio messages.

Unfortunately, Hezbollah cowardly hides behind civilian populations and uses them as human shields. The tragic outcome is exactly what Hezbollah desires as it twists the world's perspective about Israel. Unfortunately, those who do not understand the big picture are affected by this propaganda campaign. Hezbollah's leader Nasrallah continues to encourage martyrdom among young children. Golda Meir said it best when she stated, "Peace will come when the Arabs love their children more than they hate us."

The Bush administration is correct to assert that Israel has the right to defend itself and actually allows them to do so. The apathy shown by the International community in the need to confront Islamic fascists dedicated to the destruction of Israel is reminiscent of the silence and appeasement of Europe prior to World War II.

Israeli Prime Minister Olmert thankfully recognizes this reality. "Today I am serving as the voice of six million bombarded Israeli citizens who serve as the voice of six million murdered Jews who were melted down to dust and ashes by savages in Europe. In both cases, those responsible for these evil acts were, and are, barbarians devoid of all humanity, who set themselves one simple goal: to wipe the Jewish race off the face of the earth, as Adolph Hitler said, or to wipe the State of Israel off the map, as Mahmoud Ahmedinjad proclaims." (Ehud Olmert 7/31/2006).

9/11: Half a decade later



Joe Caporoso
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

Five years...has it really been that long? Has it been that long since most of us were high school students, confused and scared to see a great building in our greatest city shattered to ruins? As a nation, the events of Sept. 11, 2001 crippled our sense of invincibility and entitlement that comes with living in the most powerful country known to man. We watched in horror as our fellow citizens ran from the burning rubble, jumped out of buildings and shrieked in horror as the heart of New York City turned into a state of chaos. We watched with pride as our civilian heroes acted with courage we never knew so many of them had. We

shook our fists with anger at the confused cowards who orchestrated the deadly attacks. What did September 11th teach us, what kind of lessons can we take away as American citizens? America is at the top. As all of us know, it is lonely at the top. People are jealous of the top and radical people will do anything to harm the top just to show that they can. We are never going to rid the planet of extremists or of suicide bombers.

There are too many of them spread out over too many locations. All we can hope to do is stay on top of their activity with our intelligence and work to limit state sponsors of these groups. It is an imperfect and ongoing process, which is not being aided by diverting valuable resources to Iraq when there are other spots in that region that require more attention.

Just because we will never be able to eliminate every one of these extremists is no reason for Americans to be scared. Fear cripples and weakens a nation. An open society is what makes our country great and we can not let the actions of a few zealots limit our civil liberties. As a nation, we should never allow our fear to sway us into giving too much power into the hands of too few.

America has persevered through the events that occurred five years ago. It has not been easy. Yet, we are a strong country, a country that

needs to lead the international community by example. The era of isolationism is long over. We are tied into events in Europe and now more prominently, tied into events in the Middle East. America needs to take the initiative to make the U.N. a more effective body. If we really plan to go against centuries of tradition and make the Middle East entirely democratic, we need as much help as we can get.

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Nobody will ever forget September 11th. Nobody will ever forget the heroes that rose to the occasion to help save lives on that day. Five years later we have moved forward

into a new era. Communist countries are not the biggest threats to America anymore. Now terrorist cells scattered all over the globe are our most serious threats. Yes, it is a dangerous time but America has always had dangerous times. We just need to do what we always have done -- have faith in our system of government. Our open, democratic system of government, which doesn't allow one man to become too powerful and overstep his constitutional rights, won't steer us wrong.

Something not being said?!

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Two Swipes: The GQ disaster

By Andrew Smith
WEEKLY BUSINESS MANAGER

Lately, there have been many complaints in regards to General Quarters (GQ) and its meal policies. First, the prices have seemed to increase dramatically in the GQ. Many students are unaware of these costs and end up paying two to three swipes per meal (instead of the standard one swipe per meal).

In addition, the GQ management has been very unclear in differentiating between items that can be purchased under flex and those that can be swiped. Lastly, the increase of students has slowed down operations (especially during lunch time and other peak times during the day). These various problems must be rectified immediately as the student body is demanding change.

A few days ago, I purchased a standard turkey sandwich that I could have sworn would be exactly one swipe. However, this meal was two swipes because I (apparently) had a "special" type of bread. Now, what makes sourdough bread one swipe more expensive than a piece of white bread? This policy seems outright ridiculous especially since I didn't tell them to use that specific bread for my sandwich. I just want my meal to cost me one swipe! This serves as just another example of GQ's inability to properly serve the College's students at a

reasonable price.

Unfortunately, the cashiers receive much criticism and denigration as a result of these new enforced changes. I have witnessed many students reprimand and even display outright hostility towards these individuals who have not done anything wrong. These outbursts, directed at the GQ cashiers, are entirely unwarranted. However, the GQ management policies help foster this environment of antagonism and student unfriendliness because of their insane prices and inefficient services.

Lastly, it is very important that food items be marked either flex or swipe only. Many students find it frustrating when they cannot differentiate between these two different options (especially freshmen who do not understand the "GQ Language"). I think that lunch and dinner lines would diminish as a result of these above-mentioned measures being taken.

Marking items properly would avoid last-minute confusion at the registers and decrease student animosity towards GQ workers. And, most importantly, prices must be lowered for essential food items. One meal cannot cost students two to three swipes; it is outrageous to assume that the basic meal plan would include this many swipes per meal. Please make these changes for the benefit of the entire student community!

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Have no fear: Life is here

By Max Lux
WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

I am terrified of clowns. Yes, clowns those seemingly happy-go-lucky pranksters clad in outrageous and colorful outfits, faces painted in garish colors, those whose sole purpose it is to entertain. Except, that's not what I see. I see potential pedophiles, men with checkered pasts who wear masks of grease paint to hide whatever sick true intentions they may have for their audiences. This is not to say that all clowns are sexual deviants, far from it. In fact, I'm fairly sure that most members of the profession are, in fact upstanding individuals, who toil endlessly for the amusement of others. However, whenever I am approached by a harlequin, a jester or a buffoon, I am instantly, cripplingly terrified beyond all rational belief. Going to the Allentown Fair was quite fun, in that regard.

Everyone has fears. Even the bravest among you has some thing, action, idea or thought that just terrifies you -- a concept that makes your hands shake, your heart race, palms sweat and chest heave. It's perfectly normal, no matter how idiotic you may think it is. Some people are afraid of spiders, those eight-legged arachnids that spin webs of silk and creep stealthily across your floor, sometimes over your feet, in your hair

or even across your sleeping lips-- Arachnophobia. Others are terrified of hospitals, of staying in them indefinitely, confined to a bed while needles inject you with chemical after chemical, 'cure' after 'cure', or of catching something untreatable, like a chance outbreak of ebola or necrotizing fasciitis -- flesh eating bacteria. Still more are petrified of the concept of Hell, a place where you are eternally tormented for the 'sins you commit in life'-- Stigiophobia. There are even a few individuals who suffer from sexual intercourse -- Coitophobia.

It's ok to have some fear, it keeps one grounded in reality, and it makes us function more cohesively as a society (we can help each other cope with and overcome our fears, even for limited periods of time, fostering feelings of community and friendship). It's inane to tell others that there is nothing to fear, especially in the incredibly chaotic world we live in where, war, terrorism, weaponized diseases and all-out-nuclear Armageddon seem to be lurking around every corner. But it is one thing to be scared, and another thing to be consumed by these fears. Labeling yourself as a Stigiophobe, of never being able to separate your fears of Hell, sex, infectious disease or even spiders, from your innate being and character, will only grant you

pain, hardship and misery. As wise, Jedi Master Yoda once said, "Fear leads to Anger, Anger leads to Hate, Hate leads to Suffering..."

Afraid of spiders? Take some time out of your day and go watch the intricate designs they weave as webs and marvel at the artisanship inherent in that tiny arachnid. Hell giving you the willies? Tune out the frenzied preaching of

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the local evangelist and try to live your life the best you can, that's all anyone can really ask. Sex got you spooked? Well, just talk to anybody who's getting laid on a regular basis, and they'll tell you that there's really nothing to fear. Even I can muster up the courage to check out a three-ring circus, a veritable haven for clowns, even if just for a little while. So, Muhlenberg, recognize your fear, embrace your terror and do something about it. Overcome those tingling hairs on the back of your neck, but also heed their warning, for, in the words of renowned philosopher Homer Simpson, "We have nothing to fear, but fear itself... and of course, ax-murderers."

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gain some knowledge. Suddenly, the filth of ignorance was washed away by the crystal clear waters of enlightenment. The darkness of foolishness was illuminated in the brilliant light of sagacity. In what form did this epiphany come to me? It came in the form of a poster. That's right. A poster told me that raping people is wrong.

It is important to note that I am merely assuming that all people do not want to be raped. The poster

only mentioned women as victims and men as perpetrators. However, some people might attribute the implication that all women are victims and never perpetrators while all men are perpetrators and never victims as some kind of double standard...and I guess it is.

A logical question from any reader right now would be, "Why did you waste that much time making such a hilarious observation?" First, I wish to thank you for acknowledging that it was hilarious. Second, the situation I described is

the only possible scenario where a poster that advises you not to rape people could come in handy. If you've reached the age of 18 years and you still don't know that rape is wrong, a poster cannot help you. I cannot help you. According to psychiatrists that deal with pedophilia and violent sexual offenders, no one can help you.

I would not object to the posters if we lived in a magical world where resources and time were unlimited -- but we do. Someone was paid to design these posters. Someone was

paid to print these posters. Someone was paid to deliver these posters. Someone was paid to post these posters. Every one of these people spent time that can never be recovered handling these posters.

Instead of wasting all the time and money that went into this process, why not give that money to a rape crisis center or spend it trying to find, prosecute and convict those guilty of rape? No? You'd rather make a poster? Ok, but promise me you'll find a way to blame alcohol in it.

Introducing Dean Karen Green

By Ryan Campbell
STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

It is a rare occasion at the College when a new administration member is both enthusiastically and warmly received. Karen Green, the new Dean of Student Affairs, is definitely one of those rarities.

Since the moment she set foot on campus, she has been enamoring students with her kindness and wonderfully rich personality. With a "constant open door policy," she continues to win the hearts of students and staff alike.

Scott Gordon '08, when asked about Green, said, "Dean Green's warmth and charismatic personality has been embraced with open arms by the Muhlenberg Community. She has quickly gone from a newcomer to an integral and respected member of the College. I am looking forward to working on projects with her in the near future!"

Along with the goal of having an open door policy, Green says that her "goal for these first few months is to create opportunities for all community constituencies to be introduced to me. Therefore, I'm hosting open office hours and Fireside Chats as a vehicle for meeting students."

Green explains that she can be seen "at sporting events and lectures" and at "other opportunities to meet community members. My personal philosophy is to fully engage in the life of Muhlenberg with the intent of creating multiple friendships and alliances that will aid in my work as the new Vice President for Student Affairs/Dean of Students."

Being born into a world of discrimination, isolation and marginalization, Karen Green has long since vowed to be a voice of the disenfranchised. For 24 years, Green has dedicated her life to higher education and enriched the lives of

over 10,000 students.

Green received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Agnes Scott College where she has also held the position(s) of Assistant Dean of Students, Director of Orientation, Residence Life, and Student Activities, and Advisor for Multicultural Affairs and Counseling. She was granted her Master of Divinity from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University.

Her time there was not wasted. Before she graduated, she earned three awards reflecting her excellence in academics, leadership and faith. After leaving Agnes Scott, Green went on to work as the Assistant Dean of Students and Director of Multicultural Affairs at Hamilton College. Before arriving at the College, Green had been the Dean of Students at Wells College in upstate New York.

While her background is impressive, it is her personality and dedication that has won her the respect of students, faculty and staff. In 2001,



Karen Green integrates herself into the community.

COURTESY OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

Agnes Scott College renamed its Human Relations Award in Green's honor. The citation reads in part, "There are certain people in the life of an institution whose presence is transforming. Green is one of these people, who build bridges and educate all of us in how to live together in a more fulfilling way."

With just as big a heart as Rudy Ehrenberg, the previous Dean of Students, and definitely a bigger mouth, Dean Karen Green is sure to have a mirror impact here at the College. She explains that she has had "a nice smooth transition, but it was the return of students that has energized me, and I eagerly anticipate having a great first year."

Green also stated that "moving into the Lehigh Valley this summer gave [her] the chance to explore the area and get [her] bearings, making the transition that much easier."

As she traverses onward during her first year here, Dean Green's vision is simple: To create a trusting relationship with students, to have her office be seen as a "safe space," to execute best practices throughout the Division of Student Affairs, to create partnerships with faculty and staff and to provide an excellent co-curricular experience for all students.

In addition, Dean Green hopes to add something new and unique to the College atmosphere. Throughout her career, she has started and participated in many gospel choirs at the various institutions where she worked.

She wishes to continue this tradition at the College. She says, "Gospel music is experiencing a resurgence in society, and it's an experience that is uplifting and rewarding. I've heard there is indeed an interest and I will be working with interested students to see this become a reality."

If this becomes popular here, she has already contacted other schools within the Lehigh Valley in hopes of "starting a Lehigh Valley Gospel Choir."

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unteer work, independent research and other forms of public health service learning on campus and within the surrounding community. "A lot of students are already doing that on their own," said Kahlenberg, citing the College's many organizations as well as Allentown sites like Caring Place, Jefferson Elementary and local hospitals.

Although it's difficult to predict how many students will take on the minor, Kahlenberg said that enthusiasm seems to be really strong. "I was really excited to hear about the new minor," said Scott Kramer '09, a Media & Communications major who first heard about the Public Health minor last winter. "I have a huge

interest in the Emergency Service field and public health policy behind it. I've found that people in need of help are sometimes afraid to ask for it or don't have the insurance." Issues like these are just a sample of what Public Health minors will aim to study, advocate and resolve.

"We really emphasize empowerment with information," said Kahlenberg. This empowerment is sure to open many doors for students interested in Public Health advocacy. Kramer, a member of Muhlenberg College Emergency Medical Services and Alpha Phi Omega, has already seen the benefits through his service work. Kramer said, "You're exposed to different lifestyles. It's so much more than just health care."

GQ Corner

1 SWIPE MEALS IN THE GQ! ASK FOR THE MEAL DEAL!

Stack's Deli – your choice of ingredients -Turkey, Ham, Tuna Salad, American, Swiss or Provolone Cheese, White or Wheat Bread, Flour or Wheat Tortilla or a Kaiser Roll.

Includes a bag of chips or a piece of fruit, a fountain beverage or bottled water

LaVencita –Lunch - 1 Personal Pizza (cheese or 1 topping) & fountain beverage or bottled water. Dinner – 2 slices of Pizza (cheese or 1 topping) & fountain beverage or bottled water.

Grill 155 – 2 Mini Cheese Burgers, Regular French Fries, Fountain Beverage or Bottled Water OR 3 Chicken Tenders, Regular French Fries, Fountain Beverage or Bottled Water.

Red Hot Chef – Entrée & Fountain Beverage or Bottled Water

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Answer to Sudoku

Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9.

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The College remembers 9/11 - Five Years Later

By Tom Holtz
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Five years ago the College community gathered on the front lawn to remember the attacks of 9/11. Commemorating the attacks the same way as they were five years ago, the community came together to remember those who passed away on Sept. 11, 2001. President Helm presided over a solemn ceremony of reflection, thought and remembrance. The president reflected upon the events of the day five years ago, and how it has changed the college community forever, not only touching members of the present study body, but alumni as well.

Four alumni were victims of the attack, all residing in the World Trade Center. Alan Merdinger '92, Davin Peterson '98, Phil Parker '69 and Craig Lilore '94. Although the anniversary is becoming more distant, the memory, and the closeness of the event to the College will never die. Three years ago, President Helm echoed a thought that "Most of us did not know these four members of the College family, and now we will not have the chance to. But we

honor their memories, along with the memories of all 3,389 men, women, and children who were killed five years ago on this day. When we think of the lives they led, the mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, wives, and children who still ache for them, let us each resolve to treasure our own loved ones and to treat them each day as if it might be the last time we are

"It is our obligation as a community to pay tribute and respect to those who lost their lives."

Michael Tenenhaus '07

together." Helm reiterated the thought that each and every day that you spend with family is special, and you should "resolve to treasure loved ones as if it is your last day...because it may end up being it."

"It is important to continue to never forget the day. It is our obligation as a community to pay tribute, and respect to those who lost their lives. It was very heart-breaking to hear the story of the Alumni who passed

away. The students were just like us, who attended classes and ate bagel bombs. It made the tragedy seem more real," said Michael Tenenhaus '07, a student leader involved in preparing the days events.

When a school, institution, or a city loses a member of its community as a result of an unforeseen tragedy, there is always going to be a connectedness, and sense of remembrance. In response to his death, a scholarship has been set up in memory of Davin Peterson '98, who was only three years out of college in 2001. "The situation hit close to home. Alumni are always part of the College, and everyone takes pride in their achievements. It was tragic, and very personal to lose members of the school community," said Jen McKee, Major and Planned Gift Officer, Development & Alumni Relations.

"It was a very tough day. I was working in the Theatre department, and there was a lot of anxiety about students. Many former students were working in New York, and their was

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Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
High: Low:	High: Low:	High: Low:

OFF CAMPUS

18-Year-Old Allentown Man Shot to Death

An 18-year-old Allentown native, Richard Q. Humphries, was shot and killed outside an after-hours club early Sunday morning. This was the eighth murder that took place in Allentown so far this year, and the second that took place outside of an after-hours club. Humphries had dreamed of becoming a funeral director so that he could comfort families in their times of loss; unfortunately, he'll never get to fulfill that dream. His mother did not know what her son was doing out at that hour of the morning.

Humphries died of one gunshot wound. The only things found in the alley where the shooting occurred were a beer bottle, a parked car, and a puddle of blood.

Disaster Preparation Video for Allentown & Bethlehem

The health bureaus of Allentown and Bethlehem launched a DVD on Tuesday to prepare Allentown and Bethlehem residents for disasters and emergencies. The video comes out due to the threat of terrorism present throughout the world. Less than half of those polled reported having a plan in the case of an emergency. The video is 15 minutes long and is also available on CD and VHS. The four parts of the "Get Ready" plan include: Get informed, get ready to stay, get ready to go and get involved.

The video also places an emphasis on the importance of local media during emergencies. It explains that a battery-operated radio should be used to listen to local news in the case of a power outage.

Courtesy of The Morning Call

EnAcT getting hot on global warming

By Eric Feld
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Global warming has become one of the hottest topics in the media. The College's Environmental Action Team (EnAcT), announced this week that it plans to focus on a theme of global warming awareness, smarter energy, and battling carbon emissions and use. The Presidential Award-winning organization is anticipating a campaign that addresses education and necessary adjustments on campus, as well as activism within the local community. Despite the locality of their efforts, EnAcT promises to maintain a global effect.

The announcement followed new warnings this week from the scientific community that methane, a greenhouse gas 23 times more potent than carbon dioxide, is being released five times more quickly than previously thought. As permafrost in the world's northern climes melts, vast pools of previously trapped methane gas are released. Greenhouse gases such as methane and carbon dioxide, though naturally occurring, have become highly problematic, resulting from inefficient production and use of technology. Though global warming occurs in natural cycles, human industrial processes have pushed carbon dioxide levels significantly higher than ever before observed in 650,000 years of available evidence. As a result, global temperatures are rising to dangerous highs. If the scientific models continue to prove true, 12-degree increases at the earth's poles would undeniably drown coastal areas including New York City, Shanghai, Florida and many others.

Fear not yet, assures EnAcT. The global battle is not over, and the College students can play a major role in reversing the trends. However, everyone must make some lifestyle changes now. "Obviously, we're not going to go out and advocate for every student and staff to buy a hybrid car. There are many things that we can all do to reduce the amount of resources we use, like turn-

ing off lights when we leave a room, turning off our computer (at night and during class) driving less, etc.," said EnAcT president Steve Epting '09. "I think that through showing simple, easy ways to become conscious of how many resources we're using and how to limit those numbers, we can attain a positive response from the College community."

"There are many important issues involved with global warming. It seems as if this issue is so abstract or unclear to our generation," said Kim Nguyen '07. "We would like to work to educate our community about what this issue is and why it is important to understand. Our actions affect the future of tomorrow."

EnAcT will kick off their global warming campaign with a concert on Oct. 22 with a concert and information fair featuring musicians such as alumnus Ryan Asher '05.

Throughout the year, the organization plans to apply for alternative energy grants and work with the College toward the investment of solar paneling or wind energy offsets. Though pricey, EnAcT and other environmental action organizations maintain that the College would ultimately stand to save money by producing their own energy instead of depending completely on energy companies and foreign oil for power. Offsets allow anyone to equal their carbon emissions with zero emission wind energy elsewhere in the world. EnAcT also anticipates collaborating with environmental action organizations at area colleges to encourage politicians to join hundreds of cities across the nation and embrace lowering total carbon emissions in the Lehigh Valley.

"Global warming is such a big issue today, but many people don't know what they can do to help. It doesn't take extreme measures," said Justin Laplante '09, "People can save gas and money by accelerating and decelerating their cars slowly, by walking or riding a bike, recycling and shutting off lights. It's the little things that make a big difference."

Five things Muhlenberg students can do to battle global warming:

- 1.) Turn off your computer while at night or during class. Use a Facebook away message instead. You can save thousands of pounds of carbon dioxide a year by just assuming everyone knows you're asleep or are in class.
- 2.) Recycle more! The paper recycling slot is just a few inches to the right of the trash slot by the mailboxes. By reducing just half of your waste, you can save 2,400 pounds of carbon dioxide.
- 3.) Adjust your thermostat a couple of degrees down in the winter and a couple degrees up in the summer. You can save 2,000 pounds of carbon dioxide with this simple adjustment.
- 4.) Drive less! Don't be lazy and drive to Seegers. You save one pound of carbon dioxide for every mile you don't drive. That adds up to a lot.
- 5.) When you shower, use less hot water. When you wash your clothes, wash on cold or warm. Water is expensive to heat, and you can save 500 pounds of carbon dioxide.

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VIGIL

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a concern for them," said Ken Butler, Executive Assistant to the President, who used to work in the Theatre department in 2001. "Almost immediately there was a spontaneous vigil in the front lawn with over 1,000 people. The location and the style has almost followed suit after the vigil on that day."

"Alumni are always part of the College and everyone takes pride in their achievements. It was tragic, and very personal to lose members of the school community."

Jen McKee, Major and Planned Gift Officer, Development & Alumni Relations

All current students at the College were elsewhere on Sept. 11, 2001 - the class of 2005 were fresh-

men at the time, leaving present students the role of bringing their own memories to the College. Everyone remembers where they were, whether it was in high school, middle school or beyond. The time and distance may continue to increase, but the memory and impact of the day will never waver. Joseph Grinenko, '04, Director of Programming at Hillel said, "I was returning from class, and my mother told me to turn the TV on any channel. I was in shock at that moment. The hall was dead silent and classes were cancelled for the rest of the day. Everyone gathered in the front lawn, worrying about the country, as well as loved ones."

Some people moved on from that day, but no one forgets. "The legacy of the attacks is apparent. Over the course of the past five years the college has changed its response to various crisis measures, etc. There was an anthrax scare the following year in the mailroom, and the mailroom has changed its procedures. In almost every aspect, the college has changed their procedures from what it was five years ago," said Butler.

Butler continued, "It was very



Students, faculty and members of the Allentown community gather around the flagpole for the candle lighting ceremony.

PHOTO BY TOM HOLTZ

important to put thought into how the anniversary was reflected upon. The turnout at the vigil was reflective of the character of the college community, and made me very proud." Student council, along with Rachel Rosenberg '07 and Blaine McFeeley '08 were the primary students involved. Chaplain Peter Bredlau was in charge, along with the students, in putting together the ceremony. Tenenhaus,

whose father was involved with working at the WTC for 15 years, although not present on 9/11, made him want to be involved in the days' event.

"The event is not for everyone. Everyone remembers differently. Yet, as long as we keep doing a vigil, and keep going, we will not lose the message heard from that day, and never forget," said Grinenko.

Campus Safety Notes

Sept. 5 - Lost Property - A key to the Center for the Arts was lost, but it was later found.

Sept. 5 - Motor Vehicle Accident - There was a vehicle accident by the loading dock in the Seegers Union parking lot.

Sept. 5 - Theft - An individual reported the theft of her laundry that she had put into the dryer in the basement of Prosser Hall.

Sept. 5 - Sick Student - A student in Walz Hall reported that she had the chills and pain in her lower right side. She was transported to St. Luke's Hospital.

Sept. 5 - Injured Student - A student in the Keck House cut her hands from dropping a ceramic dish. She refused to go to the hospital, but she went to the Health Center the next day.

Sept. 6 - Injured Student - A student in Walz Hall had a swollen left hand but did not know why. The student went to the Health Center to have the hand checked.

Sept. 6 - Institutional Vandalism - Glass on the fire extinguisher in the

Prosser Hall annex basement was smashed and broken.

Sept. 7 - Harassment - An anti-semitic term was written on a student's white board. The student lives in Prosser Hall, however there are no suspects or witnesses.

Sept. 7 - Theft - An individual reported that his/her Verizon Motorola cell was stolen.

Sept. 7 - Fire Alarm Sounding - The fire alarm on the first floor of the Alpha Chi Omega house, on 2122 Chew Street, went off due to a vacuum cleaner that house-keeping personnel had been using.

Sept. 7 - Theft - A car parked on 26th and Chew Street was broken into and a radio was stolen. There was damage to the dashboard due to the hole that was punched under the lock to break into the vehicle.

Sept. 7 - Unsecure Area - The art storage door and the cage door were open on the first floor of the Center for the Arts. There are no suspects at the time.

Sept. 7 - Code Violation -

The door to the Phi Sigma Sigma house was propped open. An alarm went off, signaling Campus Safety, who came to unprop the door.

Sept. 7 - Robbery with Firearm - A male opened the passenger door of his Honda Civic, pulled out a gun, and told six Muhlenberg students walking on the street to give him their personal belongings on North 22 Street. The students ran away. The male was Hispanic and about 23-25 years of age. He was wearing a Yankees hat and a hooded sweatshirt. There were about four or five individuals in total in the car. Allentown Police Department and Campus Safety are still investigating the incident.

Sept. 8 - Theft - One of the College's tables was stolen from Parent's Plaza. The table is valued at \$25. The issue is still being investigated by Campus Safety.

Sept. 8 - Noise Complaint - On the Cedar side of the Tremont Apartments, there was a noise complaint due to drinking games that were going on. Three individuals involved will be referred to

the Judicial Process.

Sept. 8 - Fire Alarm Sounding - There was a fire alarm sounding on 414 Albright Street. A student called and reported that cooking set off the alarm.

Sept. 9 - Drug Sale/Manufacturing - Campus Safety responded to a call made about an individual who may have jumped out of a second floor window of Martin Luther Hall. Drug paraphernalia and a small amount of marijuana was found. The individual will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Sept. 9 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off in Prosser Hall. The cause of the alarm is unknown.

Sept. 9 - Suspicious Person - A intoxicated man was found passed out by the exit to the front circle on Chew Street with a 30-pack of beer next to him. He was arrested for public drunkenness and given a letter of trespass.

Sept. 10 - Robbery - A female student was robbed on 2221 Liberty Street by a black male who had a hand-

gun. He was in his late thirties or early forties. The student saw a small revolver, so she handed over her purse.

Sept. 10 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm in Haas College Center went off due to a power outage.

Sept. 11 - Institutional Vandalism - Students in Benfer Hall were playing pranks on each other and spilled a bucket of water into the suite. The six suspects were referred to the Judicial Process.

Sept. 11 - Theft - A brown plastic trashcan from 2214 Liberty Street was found in front of Benfer Hall. Nobody knows how the trash can got there.

Sept. 11 - Check the Welfare - A mother called Campus Safety so they could check on her daughter, who had a headache. The student was okay.

Sept. 12 - Institutional Vandalism - A door in Prosser Hall was taped with duct tape vertically and horizontally so that the student could not leave the room. The suspect, if found guilty, will be referred to the Judicial Process.

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Life!

"And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years." - Abraham Lincoln

On-campus entertainment delivers a night of music and laughs

'Berg swept away by Cardinale and The Eighth Sea

By Victoria Davis
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Lately, it seems as though the only way entertainers can make an audience laugh is by cracking crude, tasteless jokes. However, that is definitely not the case for comedian/musician Johnny Cardinale, who performed for students of the College on Sat., Sept. 9. Cardinale draws

from other stand-up comedians, as his musical talent enables him to parody just about any big-name band, including REM, The Beatles and the Backstreet Boys. Perhaps the most hilarious part of his Muhlenberg performance belonged to his rendition of James Blunt's "You're Beautiful," which brought to life Blunt's slurred and, as Cardinale put it, "boring" lyrics. Rumor has it that Cardinale can



Ryan Acquattro '09 from the Eighth Sea, performed after Johnny Carindale in the Red Door on Saturday night.

PHOTO BY VICTORIA DAVIS

inspiration from anything and everything, including props he finds in hotel rooms, as well as memories of his life growing up with his quirky family. He finds the absurdities of everyday life, and turns them into a quality performance.

Originally from Cleveland, OH, Cardinale has since moved to Hollywood to further his career. His ability to integrate music into his act sets him apart

sound exactly like any singer, and it is true. Listening to the voice alone, the audience would swear that James Blunt had made the journey to the College. For Cardinale, no band is safe and the same goes for his audience. Cardinale mentioned that with a small, intimate crowd (as was the case on Saturday), he can see

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Stephen Kellogg and the Sixers amaze all fans

By Beth Schawrtz &
Rebecca Scarborough
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITERS

Walking into the Red Door, I wasn't quite sure what to expect, considering I wasn't really familiar with Stephen Kellogg and the Sixers. As I found a vacant seat and noticed my unfamiliar environment, I was amused by the strange decor—stuffed animals spread around the stage. It's not exactly something you expect when you come to a concert.

The opening act for the Sixers was a man named J. E. Borgen. A musician with whom I was also not familiar. He started off his act by playing a few songs and chatting about his life. He was good at keeping the environment feeling fun and comfortable. His smooth voice added to the calm music. I really enjoyed this soothing atmosphere in the Red Door. I could tell people were moved as his polished voice and clear lyrics projected the songs through the room. Even though the crowd was responsive and polite to Borgen, they anxiously awaited the main event.

When Stephen Kellogg and the Sixers performed, they did not disappoint. Since I have never heard of them, I felt out of place next to people who were singing along and shouting out titles of songs for them to play. Yet, I was just as enthusiastic about their music—it was easy for those who walked in as bystanders to soon feel part of the crowd.

Stephen Kellogg and the Sixers is a group of four musi-

cians, including a drummer, two guitarists and a bassist. Their music had much more of a rock edge than Borgen's, but they had enough control to keep the ceiling from caving in.

Because of the fresh music and the refined vocals, this band is as well known among college kids. They find his lyrics easy to relate to and performance engaging.

Stephen Kellogg and the Sixers are a very talented group. Twice during one song, the lead guitarist played both the harmonica and the guitar at

When Stephen Kellogg and the Sixers performed, they did not disappoint.

the same time. I imagine that isn't easy, but he made it look like quite simple.

Another memorable moment in the concert was when the lead guitarist broke out into a kazoo solo in one song. This band is clearly anything but usual. At one point in the show, three of the band members broke from their own music and played several covers, including *Fat-Bottomed Girls* by Queen and Billy Joel's *Piano Man* for an encore performance at the night's end.

Although I was not expecting this conclusion, the concert was incredible. From the start of the concert, all the way to the end, I appreciated the new music and am glad that I got a chance to attend.

Generation Debt:

A must read for the College Student

By Erin McGroarty
WEEKLY LIFE! EDITOR

With classes starting back up and the workload increasing, no one is particularly excited to add on extra reading for fun. But if there was one book, especially for the seniors and juniors, to squeeze into your schedule and read this semester or even this year it's *Generation Debt*. This book is written by Anya Kamernetz, a recent graduate and freelance journalist in New York. She wrote this book to inform people of all ages about the issues that the younger generations will be dealing with within the next few decades--issues that will hit our generation hard.

Kamernetz brings up issues that are facing students in the future as well as ones that effect us here on campus.

For example, why graduates nationwide are around 20,000 dollars in debt, not only because of college loans but also because of credit-card debt. Credit-card debt and credit companies' access to college campuses is an unaddressed and uncontrolled issue on many campuses. Eighteen year old students using multiple cards to buy books and clothes to keep up a standard of living that they are accustomed to, yet should be unable to afford as a college student, is an issue that only expands after graduation.

It does not help that many graduates are not finding the typically secure job opportunities that were once available. Not that there is always a lack of jobs, but that many jobs are being offered on freelance terms with little or none of the

typical benefits.

This can put added pressure of trying to pay for insurance and pressure as far as putting money away for savings and retirement.

Retirement is a huge issue that many people typically do not think about until their 30s or 40s but Kamernetz make a very compelling argument for starting a retirement fund as early as 16 or 17. Besides the ups and downs of income, Kamernetz makes notes of social obligations, like providing for multiple parents (like step-parents), as they grow older. She also does a great job of explaining Social Security and Medicare and the effects for our generation, if and how many of the benefits will be around for our generation.

As a twenty-year-old she also comments on typ-

ical stereotypes like the boomerang graduate who moves back in with his or her parent, not wanting to land a steady career and not being interested in settling down or being responsible. Many, not surprisingly, deal with the pressures discussed previously. *Generation Debt* is filled with comments from economic, labor, health-care and education experts as well as personal testimonies that build a surprising array of facts that show making it on your own, let alone building a secure future, can be harder today than it was 30 years ago.

This well written book shows the massive public and private obligations that our generation is being handed with very little discussion from within the political arena. With

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHAT DO STUDENTS NOT KNOW ABOUT CAMPUS SAFETY?



"We have the longest running self defense program for women as well as the first self defense program for men among the Lehigh Valley colleges."

- Tom Dougherty, Asst. Chief of Campus Safety



"We have an escort service that runs 24/7 by calling extension 3112. It's not an escort service to bars or parties..."

- Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety



"We are constantly being educated and attending training to be the best that we can be."

- Jim Fritts, Campus Safety Officer



"We have an ID engraver that students can use to personalize their stuff in case it is stolen...it vibrates!"

- Patti Fry & Ruth Morris, Campus Safety Dispatchers



"We're friendly and approachable."

- Karl Santa, Campus Safety Officer

Compiled by Kim Nguyen

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Weekend Listings



Artie Lange's Beer League

Fri. 4:50, 7:50, 10:10
Sat. 4:50, 7:50, 10:10
Sun. 1:50, 7:50, 10:10

The Black Dahlia

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 10:00
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 10:00
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

The Covenant

Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

Everyone's Hero

Fri. 4:50, 7:00, 9:40
Sat. 4:50, 7:00, 9:40
Sun. 2:40, 4:50, 7:00

Gridiron Gang

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

Invincible

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 9:50
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 9:50
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

The Protector

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 9:30
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 9:30
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:10

Talladega Nights:

The Ballad of Ricky Bobby

Fri. 1:30, 4:30
Sat. 1:30, 4:30
Sun. 1:30, 4:30

Wicker Man

Fri. 7:30, 10:00
Sat. 7:30, 10:00

When keeping it real, goes wrong

By Lily Hatfield
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Most of us value the opinions of our friends when it comes to relationships. "What do you think of him?" "Isn't she a hottie?" We ask our closest companions these questions to get an outside approval of our newest mate. But when does a friend cross the line between constructive criticism and flat-out rudeness? Should we appreciate this brutal "honesty" or should we think harder about the comments themselves and the motives behind them?

Most of the time, your friends are trying to be helpful and constructive. They want to see you happy and encourage you on your newfound romance. But there is a difference between a real friend and a toxic friend.

A toxic friend will bring you down to lift him or herself up. They have little to no confidence in themselves and must use the degradation of others to boost their own low level of self esteem. They will pick and gnaw at any insecurity you may have about anything. A toxic friend is only there for you when they can

gain something. Toxic friends can be difficult to identify. They look like any other friend but their words and actions can give them away.

An example of a toxic friend's advice comes in the form of (what I think) is one of the rudest things you can say to a person: You can do better. In regards to getting a D on a test, this is fine to say. When you are trying to throw a ball farther or run faster, this is fine. But when referring to the romantic interest of a friend, it is not okay to utter this phrase. The toxic friend thinks everyone is below them and what they are really saying is, "You are a loser and you are dating a total loser."

As a general rule people say that a person cannot be valued on outside appearances alone, but it is the inside that counts. The toxic friend will really only base his or her opinions on your mate's looks. We all know that there is more to a person than their face. The toxic friend cannot see that because they are obsessed with outside appearances. They cannot comprehend that a person who they do not see as attrac-

tive could be making you, or anyone for that matter, happy.

The toxic friend revels in the misery and sadness of others. They laugh at you when you get sick from drinking too much. They take things from you without asking and without any intention of returning the favor. They are focused on one person and one person only, themselves. A toxic friend will try to gain information from you that they can use later to their advantage.

Toxic friends love to get drunk and tell you how much they love you. But this is also a time when they can treat you like crap and then pretend they were blacked out, removing all blame and placing it on the alcohol. A real friend is on the same plain with you at all times, they always treat you with respect. A mind altering substance is no excuse for treating a friend badly.

Constructive criticism and advice can be harsh, but the important part of it is that it is supposed to help you improve and grow, not bring you down. If a friend tells you that

your boyfriend seems like he is controlling because he doesn't let you go out without him, this is constructive. This shows actual concern for you in the relationship. A toxic friend will say that you are spending too much time with your boyfriend and that people think you are a stuck-up bitch. A real friend would never say this. Real friends care about bringing you up, not bringing you down.

In the first few weeks of college for freshmen, you are all dying to make friends and fit in. Sure, you want to hang out with the "cool girls" and go to all the parties and talk smack about everyone else.

Maybe you want to hang out with the jocks, pick on smaller guys and talk about women like they are just orifices waiting to be penetrated. Though it seems like a give-in for all freshmen, don't get mixed up with the toxic crowd.

Set out to find friends who care for you and other people the way that they deserve. A toxic friend will tell you when you are wrong, but a real friend will pick you up off your ass and help you fix what is broken.

Stay safe, stay sexy Muhlenberg!



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Class of 2007

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You will receive an invitation to this event which will
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Piecing it all Together



The Eighth Sea lets the guitarist have his moment in the spotlight.

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everything that everyone does, and he will call you out. However, he does not embarrass his audience, he simply involves them.

After Johnny Cardinale's performance, students made their way downstairs to the Red Door to catch the rock band, The Eighth Sea. The band has been together for approximately four years and includes Oren Levi, Sam Fisherman, Chris Hanson, Ryan Acquattro '09, and several guest-instrumentalists. The Red Door was packed with students and the band's family members making seats were hard to come by. Some students gave up on the search for seats and danced to the moving music while others opted to sit and attentively listen. Either way, the energy that the band gave off was undeniably incredible.

The Eighth Sea opened the show with an original called "Citation." From there, they

performed a few covers, including Incubus's "A Certain Shade of Green," and then moved on to acoustic. The show's variety kept the audience entertained throughout the night, as a heavy metal number would be followed by a slow, heartfelt song. The band's ability to vary their sound makes them appealing to a wide range of audiences, and their originality cannot be topped as a flute and saxophone made appearances.

Overall, the night was a success as Johnny Cardinal's audience roared with laughter at his jokes and impressions and The Eighth Sea followed with a rocking performance. Both shows were fantastic because they were multi-faceted and well-prepared. Muhlenberg students were lucky because all the entertainment required for a fun Saturday night was a mere five-minute walk across campus.

Clean fun at RHA Underground Coffeehouse

By Kelley Wynne
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Thursday night. Some pregame that night in order to get ready for the real partying that will take place in the upcoming nights, while others hit the books for the homestretch of classes on Friday. But this Thursday, the RHA sponsored some good old-fashioned fun in the Underground in Martin Luther Hall.

A disco ball lit up the room and three microphones were set up for anyone who felt like busting out a tune in the underground. On the side tables, chocolate fondue poured from the mini fountains and an array of delicious foods, including strawberries and brownies were set up for the taking. A brave duo sang a great rendition of "Summer Lovin'" from *Grease*. Later, two guys sang some old school N'sync with the "ever famous" "This I promise you," giving everyone a good laugh.

The RHA, besides serving as an advocate to voice student's ideas and views on residential issues, sponsors social events such as Thursday's Karaoke

and free ice cream. This Thursday's karaoke was "a fairly new thing," said Katie Shelley, one of the RHA advisors, so they would love to see more people come next time. This was only the first of the RHA's sponsored events. In the upcoming months, the freshman residential houses will be playing host to all kinds of entertaining events including a "Coffeehouse", "Music in the Halls," and of course, free ice cream! In the month of November, the ML Underground will sponsor a poetry slam for anyone who is interested in expressing themselves or wooing someone special with a piece of poetry.

Information on these events are posted in Seegers and other various places around campus. And, if you are interested in becoming a part of the RHA, you can contact the group's email at rha@muhlenberg.edu and join them at one of their next meeting. So the next time you're looking for some fun and some good food, join the RHA in their sponsored events around campus.

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the lack of attention there are few to no ideas on how to fix these issues before they become almost too large to deal with. Considering these are issues that will be affecting our lives, it seems foolish to let others make the decisions about what will happen to us. This book should be considered essential reading for the graduate, but would not be lost on any other readers.

Recipe of the Week!

Artichoke and Spinach Dip

- 1 package of frozen spinach
- 1 can of artichoke
- 1/4 cup butter
- 2 packages of 8 oz. cream cheese
- 2 containers of 16 oz. sour cream
- Garlic and Parmesan cheese to taste

Melt the butter and mix with the artichokes and frozen spinach. Mix in the cream cheese, sour cream, garlic and parmesan. Stir occasionally over the heat for 10-15 minutes. Serve with bread and ENJOY!

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Woman's soccer goes 1-1 over the weekend

By Frank Citera
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The Muhlenberg woman's soccer team won its home opener as they edged out the DeSales Bulldog's for their second win of the year in a well fought battle on Friday night. The game was tied after a grueling first half. Early in the second half freshman Kasey Hacker scored

the first goal of her college career to put the Mules ahead 1-0. The Mules shined both offensively and defensively throughout the game. The Mules had four times as many corner kicks (8) than DeSales did (2), and the defense was "lights out" as they made life easy for goalie Kayla Boisvert '07 by only allowing one shot attempt on goal. In response to the win, team Captain Andrea Dello Russo '07 said, "I am very proud of the team for winning our home opener. We all worked hard during pre-season and it definitely showed tonight. Our offense kept the pressure on all night and our defense was outstanding."

The Mules were down 2-0 in Saturday's game against the Scranton Royals before they stormed back into the game tying it up at 2-2 by scoring two goals within minutes of each other halfway through the second half. Senior Elana Rabinowitz scored the tying goal with a little over twenty minutes left in the game after receiving a cross field pass placed perfectly in front of the box from fellow senior Maura Hendsey. Despite the great comeback the Mules still fell short losing the game 3-2. After the game, Rabinowitz said, "It obviously felt great to score the goal, but it was more of a team effort that put us in the position to tie it up. While it is disappointing we didn't come up with the win. I think we were all proud of ourselves for coming back at the end and putting up a fight. We are learning from every game and this game taught us that we always have the potential to come back and are never completely out of any game. Hopefully, next time we will get the W."



Freshman Samantha Hoffman keeps the ball away from DeSales

PHOTO BY BECKY KOLPAK



Sophomore Billy Dalton uses his head to help the men's soccer team win their third game of the season.

PHOTO BY BECKY KOLPAK

Washington Semester Seeks Applicants for Spring 2007

The Lutheran College Washington Semester (LCWS) is seeking applicants for the 2007 spring term. The LCWS offers internships and classes, equivalent to a full semester of credits. Opportunities are available for all academic majors. Accommodations include furnished condominiums located across the Potomac River from Georgetown.

"The Lutheran College Washington Semester is Muhlenberg's campus in the nation's capital, complete with administrative offices, classrooms, computer lab, conference rooms, study lounge, and student residential facilities."

Application Deadline: October 6, 2006

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Professor Alton Slane,
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Wednesday, September 20, 2006

11:30am-1:30pm

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Light refreshments will be served.

All faculty, administrators, staff,
and students are welcome.

Field Hockey wins the weekend

By Sara Levin
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

This past weekend was a big weekend for the Muhlenberg field hockey team. They were set to play two games, one against DeSales on Friday, and one against Oneonta State on Sunday. The Mules entered this weekend with a record of 1-1 and were hoping to capitalize on the games and improve to 3-1. The Mules were very successful in outplaying and outscoring both DeSales and Oneonta State.

The lady Mules started out the weekend by shutting out DeSales 4-0, scoring two goals each half. The first goal was off a corner in which senior LisaAnn Polt was able to redirect the shot from senior Kate Moyer. Shortly after, Polt was able to beat DeSales up the right side and shot a pass across the goal to where freshman Nicole Notarianni waited to get the deflection. "We just work really well together up on the forward line. All of us seem to be clicking this season," said Polt. Only five minutes into the second half, Polt took another shot on goal with Notarianni banging in the deflection off of the goalie's pads. The last goal was scored by Polt on a breakaway, knocking the ball into the far corner.

Going into the Sunday game versus Oneonta State, the Mules knew they had to come out strong in order to avenge last years' 3-0 loss. The Mules were tough and did not let down the whole game, out-shooting Oneonta State, 21-4 and winning 2-0. The first goal came eighteen minutes into the game when Muhlenberg was awarded a penalty corner. In the

resulting scramble, junior Jillian Duffy was able to create a penalty stroke by flicking a ball at the goal, which was blocked by a defender's body. Freshman Nicole Notarianni converted the stroke to give the Mules a 1-0 lead. The goal that put Oneonta State away was set up by senior Jessica Hand in the 41st minute. Using skill and finesse, Hand was able to dribble 50 yards down the right side before sending the ball across the field. Waiting there to help her were her teammates Polt and Duffy, who got the last tip into the cage.

Helping with both wins was the Mule's rough and tough defense of seniors

Kate Moyer and Allie Covell and junior Nikki Rhodes. This weekend the defense included goalies, senior Lauren Schram and sophomore Michelle Consiglio, neither of which allowed DeSales nor Oneonta State to score any goals. Both girls were able to hold both teams to a total of only seven penalty corners. "In previous games, the first few minutes have been difficult for the defense, but these games we were able to get focused and come out playing strong," said senior Kate Moyer.

In their next game the Mules are set to square off against Montclair State Saturday at 1:00 p.m.



Sophomore midfielder Cara Rothacker dribbles the ball away from her opponent.

PHOTO BY REBECCA KOLPAK

Buttermaker "banana" split

By Brandon Mefford
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The Mules went 2-2 over the weekend, where they finished in fifth place overall. The tournament started last Friday, when they crushed Centenary College 3-0 (30-7, 30-13, 30-15). Senior Kate Haggerty contributed nine kills, while sophomore Danielle Losonci contributed eight, and junior Tiffany Elliot contributed 16 assists while also serving up three aces for the wins. Sophomore Megan Young also had a good game serving up eight aces.

Game two of the day was a different story. The ladies had a hard time fighting off Mary Washington. After winning the first two sets 30-21 and 30-25, Muhlenberg lost a heartbreaker third set (44-42). With that loss, the momentum swung in favor of Mary Washington and they ended up winning the next two sets (30-17, 15-13) to win in a dramatic fashion. Juniors Jess Anselmi and Haggerty were both at 13 kills each

while junior Megan Eiser contributed 18 assists and five blocks during the loss.

Day two was the same story. Muhlenberg lost the first game to York 3-1 (30-24, 30-28, 28-30, 30-22). Eiser had an all around nice performance with 15 digs, 26 assist and three blocks. Game two versus Albright swung in the Mules favor as they defeated the Lions 3-1 (30-26, 30-23, 28-30, 30-23). Freshman Phylcia Lee had her first career double-double posting 10 kills and 17 digs. Senior Monica Sella also contributed four blocks.

After the game, Megan Young '08 said, "We had a lot to live up to since last year we won the Buttermaker. Although we didn't win, I thought everyone who played contributed really well on the court and the depth of our team really showed. One of our games went up to 44 points, which I think shows the persistence of our team." Their next game is Sat. 16 at Moravian. The game will place for points in this year's Matte Competition.



Muhlenberg volleyball makes one of several outstanding plays.

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"The Ultimate Captain"

Mule Profile--Kate Haggerty

By Alex Mangini &
Ruwani Ganepola
ASST. SPORTS EDITORS

Kate Haggerty, originally from Springfield, Pa. has been playing volleyball since the fifth grade. She is currently the Co-captain of the Muhlenberg College volleyball team and plays the position of middle hitter. When asked about how she has progressed over the last three years, she believes she has learned a lot more about the game of volleyball and the concept of teamwork. The size of the team at Muhlenberg has allowed her to gain lots of experience over the years. Her talent was recognized when she received an Honorable Mention at the Centennial Conference freshman year.

Her hard work and dedication to the sport has gained her the respect of her teammates. "In my opinion, Kate is the ultimate captain. She's very hard working and leads more by her actions

than in words. She's one of the most consistent players on the court but you can also go to her about anything non-volleyball related," says team member Jess Anselmi. Anselmi goes on to reply, "She's really done a great job of stepping it up this year as a senior and taking on a big majority of our offensive responsibilities." Her Co-captain, Monica Sella, believe Haggerty is "hard working and the most dedicated person I know and it is an honor to be captain with her."

Haggerty and the rest of the team believe that this season will be a promising one. Haggerty goes on to say that all eighteen girls have a certain depth and she is looking forward to a great season of "working hard and having a great time together." Co-captain Monica Sella feels that they have "the best chances this year to go to the NCAA Championships." When asked about the team, Jess

Anselmi replies, "We are really well-rounded this year. The upperclassmen have a lot of experience to bring to the team and we have a lot of young talent with the freshman and sophomores. It should be a really exciting season."

This past weekend the team participated in the annual Buttermaker Tournament. They went 1-1 the first day of the tournament which put them in the silver bracket. The following day the team went 1-1 which brought them to fifth place overall. Although they didn't win this year, Haggerty was proud of how strongly the team played. Last week at the Moravian Tournament, they received third place.

Not only is Haggerty a dedicated member to the Muhlenberg volleyball team, she is also a double major in Biology and Spanish. She also participates in SAM (Student Athlete Mentors) and is a writing tutor. Even

with her demanding schedule, she still finds time to succeed in her academics as well as in her extra curricular activities. Being a part of the pre-med program has been demanding, however she's grateful that her coach is "so understanding and realizes academics come first."

Once she graduates, she definitely plans on continuing to play volleyball for fun and possibly coaching a children's team. She plans on taking a year off after graduating and is considering

joining the Peace Corps. This well rounded and strong team is lucky to have Haggerty leading them this season. Best of luck to all the girls this year!



Kate Haggerty '07 looks forward to a good season.

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Mules at Home: Weekend Schedule

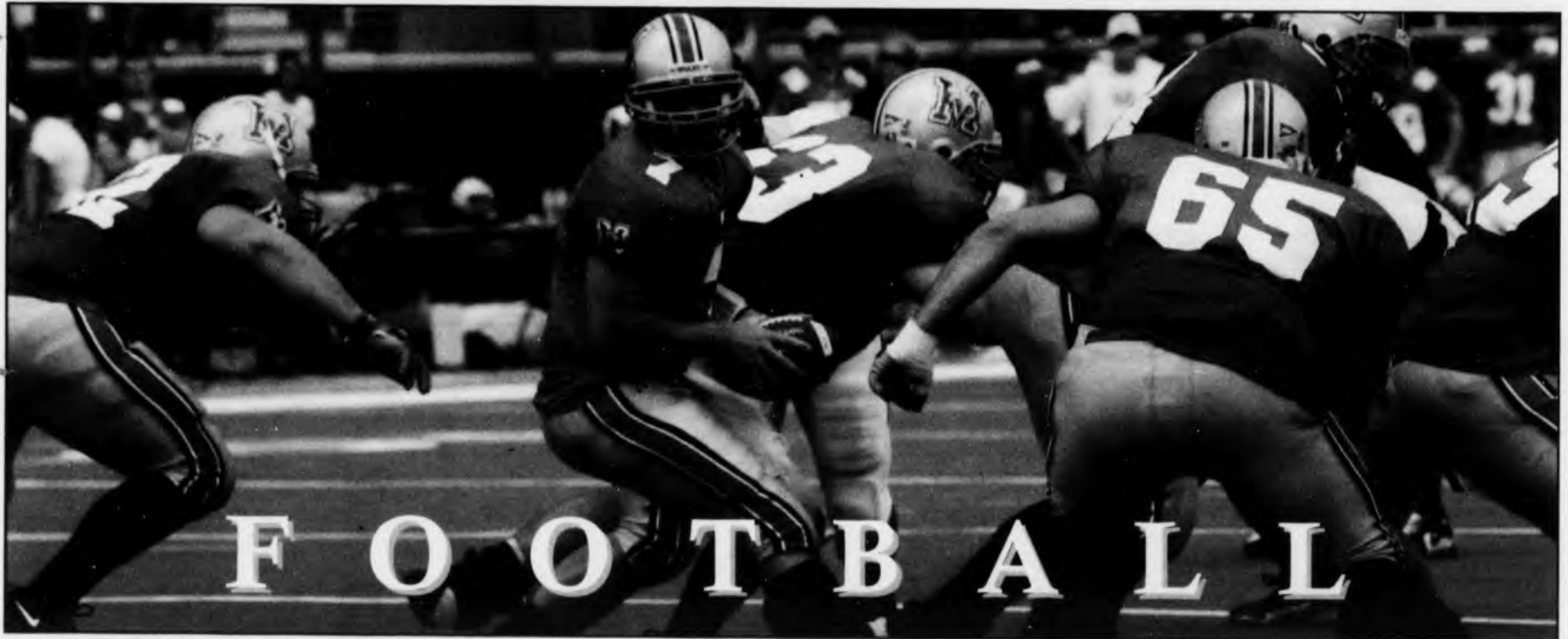
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Womens Soccer (2-1)		vs. McDaniel @ 2:00 p.m.	
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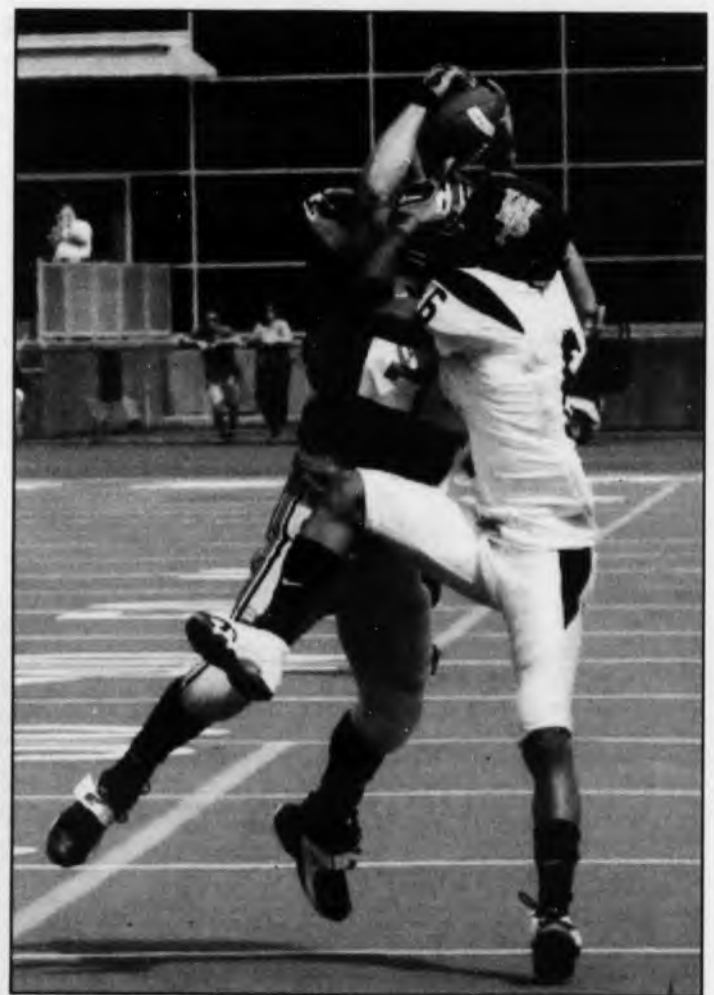
Mule's get second win of preseason

By Kyle Keinath
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

After an exciting back and forth game, the Mules overcame the Pioneers of William Patterson University, 24 to 17. The Mules got off to an early lead with a 15 yard touchdown run by Jerome Beverly '08. For the rest of the first half, the defense denied the Pioneers any points. The defense also had another big stop in the fourth quarter, forcing the Pioneers to turnover the ball, inches from the first down line and possibly a touchdown.

The offensive was led by the rushing talents of John Deluca '09, Keith Shalvoy '07, and Jerome Beverly. They ran the ball for a total of 158 yards and two touchdowns by Beverly and Deluca. Senior Quarterback, Eric Santagato went 11 for 19 for 145 yards. His longest completion was a deep 41 yard pass. On the receiving end, the combined efforts of Chris Poehls '07, Matt Johnson '08, Derek Dimattina '07 and Edward Derisi '09 proved to much for the Pioneers to handle. They received for a combined yardage of 198.

The Special Teams played a big part in this victory. Kicker, Joradan Grube '08 went three for three on extra points and nailed a 32 yard field goal. The highlights of the Special Teams came on the fourth down of two separate drives. On the fourth down of the Mules third drive of the game, Special Teams faked the punt and handed it to John Deluca who ran for a first down. The second fake punt came in the fourth quarter. Punter Ryan Sassman '08 completed a pass to Matt Johnson who did the rest, making a 51 yard touchdown. This win was the second win of the preseason.



TOP: Junior Cornerback Ross Tanner breaks up a catch intended for William Paterson's Wide Receiver Patrick Cobourne.

SIDE: Junior Wide Receiver Mike Karchner makes a catch.

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Student Body holds first Student Body Association Meeting of the academic year

By Sara Horowitz
WEEKLY NEWS EDITOR

On Tues., Sept. 19, the first Student Body Meeting of the year was held in Seegers Union by the fireplace. In order to attract a larger crowd, the all-male accapella singing group, the Acafellas, opened the meeting by performing three songs. Afterwards, the crowd dissipated a bit but the majority stayed to hear what Student Body President, Ryan Campbell '08, had to say.

According to Campbell, The Student Body Association Meeting, organized by Student Council, is primarily held to give students the "opportunity to have a voice" in an open forum session. There are many meetings like this held throughout the year to discuss pressing issues that face

the College. The topics of dining and safety were the focus of the meeting. But before these matters were to be discussed, Campbell gave an updated report to the crowd on some upcoming events. These included the

"Compared to years past, attendance at this Student Body meeting increased dramatically. We hope that more students keep coming out to these types of meetings."

Rachel Rosenberg '07

Mermaid Tavern Society, the new dorm on 22nd Street and most notably, the reinstitution of Males Against Sexual Conduct

(MASC), an organization that provides an escort service for College students on the weekends. MASC is hoping to collaborate its efforts with its female counterpart organization and work out the details with Karen Green, Dean of Students. Karen Green, along with President Helm, Mike Bruckner, Vice President of Public Relations, Chris Hooker Haring, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid, Jane Schubert, Assistant to the Dean of Students and Judicial Officer, as well as other members of the administration, were present at the meeting.

Rachel Rosenberg '07, Vice President of Student Council, introduced those in

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Introducing the Mermaid Tavern Society

By Dan Orlov
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Starting this October, the Mermaid Tavern Society will be reintroduced to the College community. The Mermaid Tavern Society is an organization with deep historical roots which aims to encourage relaxed intellectual conversation

between students and faculty over gourmet dinners three times a semester. Additionally, the Society will attempt to model responsible alcohol use by providing wine and other

alcoholic beverages. Because of this, the Society will be open only to students who are over 21.

The Mermaid Tavern Society traces its origins back to London in the 16th and 17th centuries. A tavern called the Mermaid Tavern, a common hangout for poets, writers and intellectuals, existed in London near St. Paul's Cathedral. "Shakespeare, Ben Jonson, John Donne, Sir Walter Raleigh and others gathered there. John Keats wrote a well-known poem, 'Lines on the Mermaid Tavern,'" remarked President Helm. It was on this general idea that the first Mermaid Tavern Society was established at the College several decades ago.

The idea for reviving the society came about when President Helm heard Trustees who graduated in the 1950s and 1960s talk about their experiences with the Society. "They had very warm memories," said President Helm. "Board Vice Chair Tom Mendham

still has his Mermaid Tavern beer mug, and assures me that others still do too. As I thought about ways to enrich faculty-student interaction and model responsible alcohol use for those students who choose to drink, the MTS idea seemed like it could be adapted in a helpful and fun way."

"...the more we kicked around the idea in council, the more we liked what we heard..."

Matt Loesch '07

Last year, Helm brought the idea of reviving the Society to Student Council, who expressed much interest in the idea. Matt Loesch '07, a member of Student

Council said, "President Helm has been coming to Student Council with the idea of the rebirth of the Mermaid Tavern for a while now, and the more we kicked around the idea in council the more we liked what we heard about just being able to get together with our friends and professors for a social gathering outside of the normal classroom setting. We all agreed that the idea seemed to have a lot of potential success for being a great experience in capping off that senior year at the College."

The faculty was just as interested when President Helm suggested the idea at a faculty meeting. Over the next few days, invitations will be sent to students who are over 21 years of age. Additional students will be invited as they turn 21 over the course of the year. A fee will be asked of students who accept the invitation to cover the cost of the meal

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Scott Gordon '08, Ryan Campbell '08 and Matt Sones '08, pose for a picture following the Student Body Association meeting.

PHOTO BY SARA HOROWITZ

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

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College gets street smart

What do you think of when you hear these terms and phrases: shot in the back, stabbed, robbed at gunpoint, theft, assault, vandalism? You might think of the inner city, of hardened streets, and hooded gang members. The picturesque, green, landscape and brick paved walkways of Muhlenberg's campus never comes to mind, but it should. Because believe it or not, we are located in the midst of that inner city, those hardened streets and at the mercy those hooded gang members.

Everyone acknowledges it, but no one truly seems to comprehend that bubble that we live in. We are immediately surrounded by manicured lawns and white-washed fences, but go a few streets down, and you reach a tougher hood. Whether drunk, stoned or sober, the students of the College have wandered A-town's streets too long without heeding the possible dangerous threats that lurk only blocks away.

Although this is going to sound quite dreadful, perhaps this recent surge of violence is the wake-up call that Muhlenberg's students, administration and Campus Safety Officers need.

By outward appearances, Muhlenberg is a primarily white bred school, fed on the milk and honey of Mommy and Daddy's big bucks shown off through their brainy brats' sporting designer duds and cruisin' in luxury mobiles. And although we are not all brats, rich or even have cars on campus, how could we have been so naïve as to think that violence and theft wouldn't come to us? We are like a treasure at the bottom of a Lucky Charms cereal box. You only have to eat your way through some puffy, frosted bits (a.k.a. nice neighborhood) to get to the good stuff usually at its center (that's Muhlenberg, for any of you wondering).

We know that the administration is taking measures to stem the recent escalation in crime, make the campus more secure and protect its students through such additions as the Campus Rangers program and more officers. And although it is human nature, we cannot shift all the blame or responsibility to the navy-clad shoulders of our police force. Students also need to watch out for themselves and find rides instead of trailblazing through graveyards and trekking by foot.

But we have to wonder, why weren't these precautions already in place? APD knows what's out there and Campus Safety has been around the block a few times. Why didn't anyone see this coming when it seems so obvious? Hindsight is 20-20. We have been floating along in unsuspecting oblivion. It was only a matter of time until this bubble burst.

To the Muhlenberg Community:

As Co-Chair of the Seegers Union Committee, I would like to explain what my committee has done, and is currently doing, to deal with the many issues that have arisen in GQ this year as brought up in "Two Swipes: The GQ disaster". Before that, I want to let everyone know that we are the best way for you to get your suggestions to the dining services. We meet every Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. in front of the fireplace, and everyone is welcome. If you cannot come, please send me an email with your issue at BM232693@muhlenberg.edu.

As far as GQ and its swipes, the simplest way to explain the cause of all of the issues is communication failure. The dining services staff has acknowledged this, and after being approached by my committee, they have begun the process of making changes, evident by items such as

the informational signs in GQ. At the beginning of the semester, it was not clearly communicated that "meal deals" still exist and that prices remain largely the same, while a greater variety is now being offered through "premium products". In fact, almost nothing has been taken away from last year, and prices have not increased more than the nominal contracted value, as the value of the swipe also increased accordingly. Every sandwich you could get last year for one swipe you can still get for one swipe. People may say, "No, I bought a smoked turkey sandwich, chips and a drink last year for one swipe," but this was never supposed to have occurred. Smoked turkey is a specialty meat, meaning it is more expensive. In other words, if you still want a regular turkey wrap, chips and drink, it is only one swipe. The sourdough bread also falls under this premium product category, indicating why it is more expensive. You will find that all of the meal deals that existed last

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To the Muhlenberg Community:

Over the past three weeks our neighborhood has been shaken by three robberies, a burglary, one assault and the vandalism of parked automobiles, all within the streets bordering our campus. Students and neighbors are understandably concerned about these events. We share that concern and want to inform the campus community about how the College is responding.

Muhlenberg's Campus Safety Office has rescheduled officers' shifts and hired additional off-duty officers from the Allentown Police Department (APD) to increase patrols during the times of greatest vulnerability (6:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.). We have a current total of five Campus Safety Officers and one off-duty APD officer patrolling the area, in addition to the regular Allentown police patrols (including at least one unmarked car) by APD.

The student-run Campus Watch program is training twenty new members and has scheduled walking patrols of radio-equipped "rangers" to keep an eye out for suspicious activity from 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Securing our Security

Campus Safety officers and Plant Operations staff have responded to students who feel that their college-owned houses are not secure by helping them check on and beef up, deadbolt locks and lighting.

Campus Safety, is providing students with crime prevention training and tips.

On Sunday night, Dean of Students, Karen Green rode on patrol with one of our security teams to assess the situation for herself. On Monday morning, President Helm met with Dean Green and Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety, to review our security measures and insure that we are acting as aggressively as possible to prevent crime in our neighborhood.

This is a community problem, and we must respond as a community. Students can do their part by (1) locking doors and windows; (2) using the escort service instead of walking alone after dark; and (3) reporting suspicious persons or activity to Campus Safety IMMEDIATELY. Students should also be sure that their own behavior does not divert security personnel from anti-crime duties. (In the early hours of Saturday morning cars were vandalized on Liberty Street while two of our patrols were responding to noise complaints caused by disorderly students at Tremont Apartments).

Our efforts may not produce instant results, and we must continue to be alert. But by working together we will restore the sense of security that has recently been disrupted by these events.

Sincerely,

Randy Helm, President

Karen Green, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students

To the Editor:

In response to Matthew O'Donnell's OP/ED piece, "Thank God for posters", from Sept. 14th, I would like to know how much Mr. O'Donnell actually knows about rape and sexual assault, especially with respect to college campuses.

I understand that yes, it is a little bit strange to see a poster reminding people that "raping people is wrong." But, it is a well-known fact that a majority of victims are raped by someone they know. Therefore, Muhlenberg should be applauded for every step taken in order to remind people (both men and women) not to let their "common sense [be] clouded in a gray haze of uncertainty" by drugs, alcohol or just a poor decision and really think before making sexual advances.

If it is so important to Mr. O'Donnell that the money spent on posters be spent in other ways, shouldn't he be spending his time volunteering at a rape crisis center instead of taking the easy way out by writing an uninformed OP/ED piece?

As a first step, as Campus Coordinator of this year's V-Day Campaign, I would like to offer Mr. O'Donnell a ticket to a performance of the Vagina Monologues, benefiting Turning Point of Lehigh Valley.

I am sure that Pennsylvania's 3,000 annual rape victims will appreciate his future efforts to be more well educated and active in rape prevention.

Abby Mayerhoff '08

The GQ strikes back

Stop and think before making sexual advances

Resident Advisors: Working for Good or for Evil?

By Andrew Smith
WEEKLY BUSINESS MANAGER

What comes to mind when you think about Resident Advisors (RAs)? Are they the law-abiding students that are trying to wreck your college experience? Are they purposely trying to "bust" your parties? Do you think they are actually trying to "catch" you making noise in the hall after quiet-hours? Are RAs working for good or for evil, and who are these people?

As a second-year Resident Advisor in Martin Luther Hall, I have encountered a fair share of angry residents and a handful of those that have shown appreciation for my social programs, hall maintenance and other efforts to help build a community on my floor. The role of a Resident Advisor is to work for the common-good of the community (in this case, per each floor).

It is also important to understand that each RA has a responsibility to uphold all of the duties of his/her job description. Thus, it can be inferred that each RA cares about his/her community and all the students that comprise each of these floor units. The following examples illustrate the dedication of Resident Advisors to their respective communities:

Resident Advisor training consists of a week-long intensive program that helps RAs build interpersonal, teamwork and leadership skills that will properly enable them to network and maintain good relationships with their residents.

Wouldn't these students have to be dedicated in order to come back to school a whole week earlier and train for an entire week (instead of enjoying the last precious week of summer)? These individuals care about you!

As for the bad reputation attributed to Resident Advisors, please do not take these views seriously. The goal of any RA is to promote unity on his/her floor and ensure the safety of all residents living in that particular building. Resident Advisors respect the peers of their communities and are constantly working to achieve safer and more suitable environments, conducive to adequate sleep and study time. They are not trying to invade your parties and ruin students' lives. RAs are just protecting you and making sure that your needs and wants are fulfilled in a satisfactory manner.

So, the next time you see your RA in the hallway, please thank him or her, as they are trying to make your experience at Muhlenberg a better one. Remember that these are the students on campus that react to emergencies at 3:00 a.m., spend countless hours helping residents solve roommate and personal issues, clean the hallway when no one else would dare do so and (most importantly) ensure the safety and well-being of all students. Thus, I thank all RAs and other student leaders on campus that help promote the sense of community that makes Muhlenberg the friendly place that we all respect and admire.

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year still exist today, but more expensive options called "premium products" are now being offered (i.e. specialty sandwiches and larger burgers). To find out the specifics of these specialties and the meal deals, look for the flyers in GQ explaining meal deals and costs.

As far as the difference between flex items and those that can be swiped, there is a concerted effort to make this differentiation in GQ. The differentiation of items that are strictly flex, cash or dining dollars

The simplest way to explain the cause of all of the issues is communication failure

are indicated by signs on the front of their respective shelves or refrigerators. Another way of differentiating the two is the presence of a UPC label on the flex items, with the exception of water and pop tarts.

Concerning the increase in lines, there is a combination of reasons for this occurrence, including the increase in number of students at our school as well as the increase in number of choices. However, the largest reason for the lines is that almost all classes are let out at the same time.

In other words, at 12:20 p.m. all students migrate to Seegers Union for lunch. In conjunction with dining services and the registrar, we are trying to get the release times of classes spread out for the upcoming semester. Hopefully, the success of this will diminish the lines in GQ substantially.

I would agree that the cashiers are receiving the brunt of criticism, and I want to urge you to seek out the manager or supervisor if you have an issue instead of taking it out on the cashiers. Managers are there for that, and they encourage students to come to them with problems.

The cashiers are consistently being retrained and given information, and we hope that as the weeks go by they will have a better understanding of charges. They are as new to the specialties and changes that occurred over the summer as you are. In addition to the managers and supervisors, I urge you to approach me, or anyone on my committee, whose names I will happily give you. We approached Dining Services as soon as we recognized a problem, and changes are being implemented as we speak. As part of Student Council, we are here for you, the students.

Blaine McFeeley
Seegers Union Committee Co-Chair

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Think before you speak



Joe Caporoso
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

In 2001, Pope John Paul II stepped inside a mosque. The gesture may not seem like a monumental moment, yet he was the first pope ever to do so. When one considers how long institutions like Islam and the papacy have been around, it is almost mind-boggling. The step the beloved ex-leader of the Catholic Church took was meant to end centuries of dangerous hostility between the world's two largest religions.

Religious leaders have power over the lives of their followers. Each comment and action needs to be well thought out and sensitive to other powerful institutions. If words or actions are not looked after in the appropriate way, lives could be lost. This holds especially true when involving the Vatican and Muslims.

Everyone knows of the ugly past between the two sets of beliefs, a past of war, violence and mistrust.

"If the Vatican says something dumb about Muslims, people will die in parts of Africa and churches will be burned in Indonesia, let alone what happens in the Middle East," said Father Thomas Reese, a Jesuit scholar

and expert on the workings of the Vatican.

During a recent speech in Germany Pope Benedict XVI said, "Show me just what Muhammad brought that was new, and there you will find things only evil and inhuman, such as his command to spread by the sword the faith he preached." Ouch. Not exactly the most thoughtful quotation to pull out, if you are looking out for the best interests of your followers.

For a man who is supposed to be a compassionate leader of a peaceful religion, what a callous, unprovoked comment. There was no reason or provocation to attack another religion's prophet. The words themselves are inconsiderate and brainless, but it goes beyond that. Worldwide protests and demonstrations are now starting up against the pope, putting Catholics in danger. Islamic leaders are shaking their heads and not accepting the delayed and insincere apology from Benedict. Again this is more fuel on the fire for the dangerous, radical sect of Islam, more propaganda to be shoved in the face of misguided Muslim youths.

If America is serious about dialogue with and changing the culture of the Middle East, they should publicly refute the pope's comment. A breath of fresh air from the Bush administration would be to step up and help to highlight the injustice and harm that Benedict's statement does to the religion of Islam. It certainly would shut up people like Iran's leaders who falsely believe America is an anti-Islamic nation. Taking a stand against Benedict's words could go such a long way to change the anti-Islamic image many Middle Easterners have of America being an anti-Islamic nation.

As for Benedict, it now appears he will have to do more than just step into a mosque to improve Muslim-Catholic relations.

Get to know your A-town: It's better than you know

By Max Lux
WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

Stay with me, because this all has a point to it. My dorm room has a small iron balcony, complete with slats, a roof for when it rains, and ornate hooks for hanging plants. At six o' clock on these short September days, I can watch the sun set behind my head, bathing Allentown in a bouquet of orange, purple and red. Some days, the clouds seem to be nothing more than oil paintings, as they blend seamlessly into each other in great Impressionistic swirls, reflecting the dwindling remnants of the day. From my small, precarious perch, I can smell the embers of the day -- that odd scent of burning that always seems to come around just in time for autumn. Soon, the trees will begin their preparations for hibernation, allow their leaves to take on every color imaginable and become bare just in time for the season's first snowfall. Then, spring will come, almost after an eternity; boots still thick with slush, coats still white with the last dusting flurries of a Pennsylvania winter, bringing new growth- a vast renewal of all life. When it finally peaks, the multitude of flowers bloom in a vast symphony of color, oaks thick with green, grass clean and sharp; it will be time for me to go.

No, this isn't a pang of guilt or sorrow at my impending graduation, instead, a sort of circuitous reflection and what it has been like these last three years. I have no idea what's going to come this year, so I can only comment on what has come so far. When I first got here- literally, the first week- my new friends and I decided that we needed to explore Allentown. We walked from Walz Hall to Center City, oblivious to the stereotypical danger we were facing. We weren't mugged, shot, offered drugs or anything that's pointlessly synonymous with this great city (Just don't go during the late hours of the evening, that's kind of sketchy). I've since been to the Allentown Art Museum (The Frank Lloyd Wright Library and musical

sculptures are zen-inducing), several tiny restraints off of Chew and Hamilton (delicious food, huge portions and low prices), and the Great Allentown Fair and Farmer's Market among other places. Take a walk down Chew Street sometime- you're bound to find something you never thought existed, even if that something is an impossibly large black horse chained to a fence (For bonus points, go find the headstone in our nearby cemetery that reads: 'Blank').

There's a good chance, if you're a freshman, that you'll come to Muhlenberg, find out what you have to take to graduate with a specified major, and leave it at that. Why not, before you've taken all your general academic requirements, and various major classes, try something different? Take some bizarre, obscure class that you would never normally consider taking -- it could be the best educational experience of your life. Science majors, take an english course. English majors, take a science course, and so on. Also, as a fairly major side note, do all of your work, all of it, even the endless readings that may seem pointless. Even if you do well in the class, its all for naught if you didn't actually learn anything.

Most importantly, of all the great or terrible things you can do at college, exploring is by far the best thing there is. Sure, you can explore by utilizing mind-altering substances, but the best effects are reached simply by going outdoors and walking until your legs give out. Take a trip to Hawk Mountain with anyone who shares a common interest- just driving through the cornfields of rural Pennsylvania at dawn is just the epitome of beauty. Visit Crystal Cave or Echo Caverns, or any of the off-the-road attractions that you see advertised on the side of I-78. Take a walk to Trexlar Park or Cedar Beach (again, in the daytime) to feed the ducks, or to watch a wedding. You've got more years than I do, so make them all count -- they'll be over before you know it.

The World's Greatest Hero

By Matthew O'Donnell
WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

The word "hero" is thrown around rather liberally in our country. Coincidentally, my first sentence about the overuse of the word "hero" is equally overused. However, we must not waste time focusing on cliché phrases because a valuable lesson is to be learned today. I have discovered a man who truly deserves the title of "hero."

My hero is not a veteran

*the... easiest way to
resolve a problem is
with violence.*

of any war. He is not involved in any great political or social struggles. He is not an intellectual; in fact, he may not even be literate. It would be easy to dismiss his actions as trivial, or possibly even detrimental in the grand scheme of life. However, I believe that my hero embodies the fundamental characteristics that epitomize the eternal struggle and majesty of the human spirit.

Who is my hero? His name is Cory Petero.

What did he do that was so great? He cold-cocked a 13-year-old boy.

Evidently, some people in our country feel that Mr. Petero should be on trial for "misdemeanor child abuse." I feel that these people should be put on trial for persecuting such a righteous man. They did it to Jesus. They did it to MLK. Now they're doing it to Petero.

It was Saturday night in Stockton, California. Stockton's youth league football game was raging on the field as two teams of pre-pubescent children were locked in battle. A kickoff was received. A tackle ensued. A whistle blew. The play was over. Suddenly, a 13-year-old boy put a late hit on an 11-year-old boy. While late hits are common in football and addressed with a customary fifteen yard penalty, the 11-year-old boy who was hit

was also Mr. Petero's son. Mr. Petero's gallant trek across the field was captured on videotape. It is reminiscent of the chivalrous nobility of a cavalry charge in wars of old. Mr. Petero closed on the child with cheetah-like speed, and finally flung his body into the 13-year-old's back. For some reason, a brawl ensued. Mr. Petero is now facing charges of misdemeanor child abuse, to which he has plead not guilty.

"But Matt," you say, "shouldn't Mr. Petero have let the referees do their job and let them reprimand the player for the late hit?" To which I must reply, "No, you filthy communist." If you hate our country so much, why don't you go back to the Kremlin, comrade?

Mr. Petero's actions are an example of the most beautiful and perfect form of justice ever conceived: vigilante justice. The two fundamental principles of vigilante justice are rooted in two undeniable philosophical truths. First, if someone does something you don't like, take matters into your own hands; don't waste time following a prescribed course of legal action. The best time to act is when you're in a volatile emotional state. Second, the fastest and easiest way to resolve a problem is with violence.

While Mr. Petero is my definition of a hero, some have the audacity to call him a coward. If tackling a 13-year-old child from behind who is two feet shorter, and approximately 100 pounds lighter than you is cowardly, then I guess Mr. Petero is a coward. Apparently, attacking someone who is weaker and unprepared for a vicious assault is suddenly cowardly. It's considered to be tasteless, crude, and generally reprehensible to blame the victim for a crime, but I'm going to do it anyway. If that 13-year-old didn't want to get sideswiped by an adult, he shouldn't have been born. I rest my case.

Passing the Bar: Opening the Red Door of safety

By Andrew Smith
WEEKLY BUSINESS MANAGER

Currently, the Red Door serves many different purposes on campus; for instance, students go to the Red Door for various club meetings, study group sessions, live bands and comedians, and for several other reasons. Despite these positive intentions, I think the Red Door should expand its operations and possibly include a bar (with a liquor license) to provide non-minors with a bar experience that is on-campus. Another proposition posed by many other students is to convert the Red Door into another eating facility. These goals will serve several practical purposes that would help enhance the overall atmosphere of our college.

First, an on-campus bar would provide a safer alternative to the current situation present. In many cases,

students are forced to drive while drunk and/or find other bars that are off-campus. The safety of these students would be enhanced if the Red Door was converted into a bar. Students would not have to be confronted with potentially dangerous situations in the Allentown community and/or provide non-minors with alcoholic beverages.

Additionally, only those students with valid ID would be permitted in the Red Door during certain hours. These measures would keep students on-campus and protect them from dangers inherent in drinking off-campus.

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Additionally, many students favor the use of Red Door as another eating facility on campus. Currently, the College is highly overpopulated, and we will

eventually need another restaurant/cafeteria to feed the student population. The GQ and Garden Room lines are becoming very long and will only remain that way until further measures are taken to improve this situation. Another

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eatory would definitely help improve the current situation. It would even be beneficial if the Red Door could provide

students with "light" refreshments such as non-alcoholic drinks and/or other snacks during the day. Students need another venue for food during the day. The lines are getting ridiculous!

I hope these ideas will be discussed on-campus and that we can enact changes in our eating situation and our flexibility towards having a bar on-campus. These objectives would help serve our community and convert the Red Door into a more functional facility.

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A "stylishly hot" event

By Alexandra Kaplan
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

On Thurs., Sept. 14, women dressed in their favorite skirts and men in nice shirts and pants. No, this wasn't your typical College sponsored Garden Room dance. It was the annual *Ebony* Fashion Show, the national touring group produced by Johnson Publications' *Ebony Magazine*. The night began with a candlelit, pre-show dessert party in Seegers Union. After all the plates were scraped, the vans, filled with College students of all different majors, headed to the Scottish Rite Cathedral for the show entitled *Stylishly Hot*.

The two hour show came complete with a host, a set and catwalk, an intermission with awards and raffles, and last but not least, male and female models sporting this season's hottest fashions. The models strutted down the catwalk in everything from formal evening gowns

to skimpy swimwear. The main event had a combination of attitude and humor making it an enjoyable experience for everyone.

The evening was sponsored by Dr. Ethel Drayton-Craig, Director of the Multicultural Center at the College. Drayton-Craig has been attending the show since the seventies when it was a gala event in New York City. She brings the College students every two years when the traveling show comes to Allentown, Pa. "I do so because I want to expose students to this African-American extravaganza," said Drayton-Craig.

The audience was thankful for the inclusion of the plus size model, as the applause seemed to peak every time she strutted down the catwalk.

"It is a cultural experience from which Art, Communication, Theatre, Business, Marketing and Entrepreneurial students, to name a few, can learn. More than anything else, it presents

African-American women and men who are on the runway in a context of style, class and beauty." In agreement with the majority of the audience, she was impressed with the show

and was "delighted" that so many of her students attended and that so many various departments throughout the College were represented.

Perhaps the most appreciated aspect of the evening was the one female, plus-size model. In a society that lives by the motto "thin is in," and a size 6 in runway attire is a kind of rare artifact, "normal" women are hard to come by. The audience was thankful for the inclusion of the plus size model, as the applause seemed to peak every time she strutted down the catwalk. "After constantly seeing thin figures reign catwalks everywhere, it was incredibly refreshing to see that this show recognized someone a little bigger," reflected Hilary Levine '08. "Even though all of the clothing was gorgeous, I thought the inclusion of a fuller figure was the best part of the evening."

The models, who had evidently been rehearsing long and hard for the event, took their final bows and the audience gave a loud and appreciative round of

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Campus Safety steps it up a notch with help from students

By Amanda Glassman
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

There have been several crime related incidents in the past few years. However, within the past few weeks there have been some serious incidents around the College campus. Security has taken a step up, this time enrolling the help of students to be extra ears and eyes to Campus Safety. The Campus Watch Rangers are a group of about 15 students who have volunteered to patrol campus every Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights from 9:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. All of these stu-

"No major robberies occurred during that three day time frame as it had the past three weeks."

Matt Fash '09

dents have walkie-talkies, used to contact Campus Police immediately if they see any suspicious activity. The head of the program, Matt Fash '09, describes the members as "students who care about the safety and welfare of their fellow peers and their school." These students volunteer their time to help improve the safety on campus.

It started last year when Fash was a part of the Committee of Campus Safety in Student Council during the second week of school. He was aware of watch programs at some of the College's sister schools involving students patrolling campus for the safety of their peers. He researched the possibility of starting a similar program at the College. He found there actually was a program that existed on paper, but was never implemented. With the encouragement

from Ken Lupole, the Director of Campus Safety, and the help from Dave Dolan '08 and Brian Galgano '08, the Campus Watch Rangers program was created. As for this past Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, "No major robberies occurred during that three day time frame as it had the past three weeks," reported Fash.

"The Campus Watch Rangers' primary goals are to patrol the College grounds, assist students in need, escort students to and from places on the campus and to call for help for those who need medical attention. The group also informs the College community about different situations around the campus for their safety," described Fash and Dolan.

It's comforting to know that students on the College's campus are taking an extra stand against the crime that has been happening in Allentown. "Things are always happening and it's important for students to get involved and help the situation where they can," commented Sara Mazes '09, the Chair of the Campus Safety Committee. She also shows her gratitude by saying, "The program showed great initiative among the students. Student Council and Campus Safety are very grateful to those who have climbed on board." Anyone who is interested in joining the Campus Watch Rangers and making a difference around campus can contact Fash, Dolan or the Department of Campus Safety.



Students and Faculty of the College enjoy desserts and coffee before attending the *Ebony* Fashion Show in Allentown.

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Answer to Sudoku

Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9.

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and wine. Sodexo has offered to subsidize some of the meal costs along with President Helm who will be providing money through his discretionary fund.

Overall, the campus is excited for the opportunity to engage in more intimate conversation with the faculty and experience a more mature and sophisticated use of alcohol. Nadine Goldman '07 said, "I think it's awesome! That's what I envisioned college being like when I was in high school, having informal, yet intelligent conversations with professors over a meal."

Scott Gordon '08 said, "The Mermaid Tavern is a great way for students and faculty to interact in a social

atmosphere. The lessons and experiences that will be gained from this program will be invaluable in their education." The Mermaid Tavern Society will be run by a group of student and faculty volunteers who call themselves the Cheapsiders. The Cheapside was the name of the location of the original Mermaid Tavern in London. The faculty side of the Cheapsiders will include Tim Averill, Associate Professor in the Theatre and Dance department, Chris Borick, Associate Professor in the Political Science department and the Director of the Institute of Public Opinion, Mike Bruckner, Vice President of Public Relations, Susan Clemens, Lecturer in the History department, Roberts Croskey, Associate Professor in the History

department, Mohsin Hashim, Assistant Professor in the Political Science department and Director of the Dana Scholars program, Patricia Helm, Professor in the Music department, Mary Lawlor, Associate Professor in the English department and Director of American Studies, Chris Sistare, Professor and Department Head in the Philosophy department and Co-Director of the Philosophy and Political Thought Major, David Tafler, Associate Professor and Head of the Media and Communication department and William Tighe, Associate Professor in the History department. The students will include Jason Bonder '07, Chandra Gossai '08, Elizabeth Klein '07, Justin Matulay '08 and Lindsay Scott '07.

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Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Partly Cloudy	Thunderstorms	Few Showers
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OFF CAMPUS

Lehigh Valley becomes more educated

The population increase in the Lehigh Valley since the year 2000 has improved the housing market and has raised the average educational level of the Valley. The natives of the Lehigh Valley are now also earning more diploma's than ever before. Since the year 2000, Lehigh Valley has had more than 24,000 people who have moved here with college degrees.

A better-education area could lead to more top-notch employers. Of Lehigh Valley residents, 26.3 percent have Bachelor's degrees, while 27.2 percent of the United States population holds Bachelor's degrees. Even though Pennsylvania has been losing many of its highly educated people in recent years, this trend seems to have stopped.

Lehigh Valley Hospital work cracks homes

About 20 homes were damaged from the shaking of a multi-million dollar construction project on the Lehigh Valley Hospital-Cedar Crest. The homes are south of the hospital in Salisbury and Lower Macungie. The complaints received were cracks in basements, walls, garages, patios and driveways. One home had a crack from the roof all the way down to the foundation.

Many people also complained of water entering their basement after their houses had been repeatedly shaken from the construction. Some people had to pay \$10,000 for a basement drainage system due to the damage. None of the hospital's buildings were damaged due to construction.

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SBA MEETING

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charge of the Academic, Athletic, Campus Community Affairs, Campus Safety, Technology, Finance and Communication Committees. Each committee works with faculty and staff to ensure that student voices are being heard and strive to improve these different facets of campus life. The Campus Community Affairs Committee, headed by Katie Bemis '09, has brought back one of the College's oldest traditions, Spirit Week. During the week of Homecoming, there will be activities students can participate in which include a Powder Puff game on the football field, a tug of war competition, the usual pep rally, a bonfire and tailgating before the football game.

Jon McCloud, Manager of General's Quarters, Sharon Venanzi, and Glenn Gerchman, Director of the Student Union, were introduced, as they would be providing information on Dining Services. Glenn

Gerchman met with leaders of Student Council in the spring of 2005 to make changes in the meal plan

that are now in effect. These changes included the Lifestyles Meal Plan and the convenience store in General's Quarters, among other things. He said that these changes allowed for "creativity and flexibility." These changes have given way to even more recent adjustments like a larger variety of healthy and organic food choices.

Gerchman expressed his "happiness with the changes made thus far" and said there has been "positive feedback from many students." In General's Quarters this semester, many students and faculty have noticed the transformed scenery. For example, the *Action Station* is now called *The Red Hot Chef* and the *Original Grill* is now *Grill 155*. Many don't seem to notice the new "Meal Deals" as Gerchman refers to them as. The Meal Deals are at each station, so one can get a certain combination of food at that station and have it count as one

One student expressed his frustration that he can no longer get a bag of pretzels with his two slices of pizza on one swipe, like he was able to get last year.

swipe. There is also a "Meal Equivalency," the most popular amongst students according to Gerchman. A "Premium Plus" pro-

gram is available to students giving them a variety of choices. Gerchman said that with all these programs he

believes that dining services is "headed in the right direction."

Many of the students at the meetings were concerned with the "Meal Deals." One student expressed his frustration that he can no longer get a bag of pretzels with his two slices of pizza on one swipe, like he was able to get last year. Jon McCloud assured him, and all the all others, that these matters could be looked into and hopefully corrected. Gerchman and Campbell urged students to contact the Dining services committee with questions and concerns.

Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety, addressed the topic of safety at the College. Due to the recent increase in crime around campus, Student Council felt as though it were important for the issue to be presented to the Student Body by a Campus Safety officer rather than just talked about by members of Student Council. Lupole said this in not "an issue we can solve by ourselves." He asked the student body to "help him, help you." Lupole repeated many times that all students need to have their eyes and ears open at all times so all suspicious activity can be reported to campus safety right away.

Campus Safety has made efforts, like adding more patrol cars around campus, hiring extra security, joining

forces with the Allentown Police Department and reinstating the Crime Watch Group. The Crime Watch Group informs Campus Safety of more lights and cameras that should be installed around campus. The Campus Rangers are now patrolling Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. In addition, there is a walking escort service comprised of two male and two female students who will "happily walk students from one building to another if the student feels uncomfortable walking by themselves." Anything outside the campus, which is from Benfer Hall to Liberty Street and 22nd and 23rd Streets will be handled by Campus Safety patrol officers who will be able to drive students home if need be. There are 58 emergency call buttons throughout the campus that students and faculty can use at any time to directly call Campus Safety if assistance is needed.

After the meeting, Rachel Rosenberg '07 said that "compared to years past, attendance at this Student Body meeting increased dramatically. We hope that more students keep coming out to these type of meetings." Campbell agreed that it was a "great turnout." He hopes to "keep this line of communication open between students, staff and administration."

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applause. As everyone was filing out, the conversation was dominated by predictions of what styles would be most popular and what outfits were the favorites. Even Drayton-Craig confessed the next day that she had "been thinking about

"...It presents African-American women and men who are on the runway in a context of style, class and beauty."

Dr. Ethel Drayton-Craig,
Director of the
Multicultural Center

the lovely designs all night and this morning."

Not only was the show an appreciated interruption from students' monotonous daily schedules, but it was a worthwhile cultural experience. Students who typically would never have attended this *Ebony Magazine* sponsored event got a chance to sample the latest fashion. Andrew Gutterson '08 said, "Attending this event was a completely new experience for me. It's important for people to keep an open mind and take advantage of opportunities that will make us more culturally aware people."

Student Organization travels to New York city to share their love of knitting

By Eric Feld
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

In their third year, the Muhlenberg Knit Wits have weaved their way well into the fabric of the student organization scene on campus. With a regular attendance of around 25 knitters every Tuesday night at the Seegers' fireplace, the Knit Wits have contributed to the revitalization of knitting in the United States.

From 2002 to 2004, the number of women knitters in the country increased by 150%. It was in this time that the Knit Wits president, Allison Klein '08,

first learned the craft from her grandmother. Though she admitted frustration in learning the difficult hobby, Klein was determined to achieve a working knowledge of knitting.

"It's a great opportunity for students with a similar hobby to relax and unwind from a busy day," Klein remarked.

The Knit Wits recently attended the Knit Out sponsored by the Craft Yarn Council in New York City. Knitting enthusiasts from the campus converged on Union Square to share

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GQ Corner

Specials for the week of 9/25/06

Limited Time Offer World Fare Specials-

Stack's Deli - Specialty - Smoked Turkey & Brie on Croissant
Premium Plus Sandwiches - Little Havana Pork Mojo
Wrap, Gordita-Baja Beef Sandwich and a California Wrap

LaVincita - Black Bean Tostada Specialty Pizza

Grill 155 - Acapulco Chicken Wrap

Grab & Go - Nicoise Salad Classic

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knitting techniques, patterns, and take advantage of numerous giveaways.

More than just a common interest organization, the Henry Award nominated Knit Wits have also proven to be a highly philanthropic group. This year, the Knit Wits will concentrate on knitting hats for newborn children in developing countries. The club has worked with The Caring Place in the past teaching Center City

Allentown children to knit at the after school program, and anticipate volunteering again this year. Additionally, the Knit Wits have participated in Chemo Caps

donating hats to Lehigh Valley Hospital for cancer patients.

"I love knitting," Tamara Symonds '08 remarked, "and the end product is rewarding."

Despite the female exclusive stigma traditionally attached to knitting, the Knit Wits have very successfully attracted males as well. Adam Sosnik '09, a Knit Wit regular, learned the craft in the campus' weekly knitting circle.

"It's an interesting skill that I would never have otherwise had an opportunity to learn," said Sosnik. "It's also the only place where one guy can be completely surrounded by girls for an hour."

"It's a great opportunity for students with a similiar hobby to relax and unwind from a busy day."

Allison Klein '08



Jan Mitchell '08, shown here, knits with her fellow club members at one of their many events.

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Campus Safety Notes

Sept. 12 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm on 428 Albright Street went off due to cooking.

Sept. 13 - Hit and Run - A member of the College staff reported a side swipe to his/her car on Liberty Street. The mirror was broken off.

Sept. 13 - Theft - Someone broke into a car and stole a stereo in the parking lot on 23rd and Gordon Streets.

Sept. 13 - Theft - A student's car was broken into in the commuter parking lot and a stereo was stolen.

Sept. 14 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to steam from the shower on the fourth floor of South Hall in suite 404.

Sept. 14 - Vehicle Violation - Two illegally parked cars were parked in the fire lane of South Hall.

Sept. 14 - Motor Vehicle Accident - A car was hit while parked on Chew Street by the library. The car was sideswiped and the paint was chipped off. A note was left on the vehicle, but was illegible because of rain.

Sept. 14 - Assault - A student was walking on 2442 Tilghman Street and a red sedan pulled up. The person asked the student if he knew where Elm Street was and the student said no and started to walk away. The student was shot in the back

with a BB gun. He was not injured.

Sept. 15 - Vandalism to Vehicle - A vehicle had a smashed driver's side window on Liberty Street. The victim was found in his room and was taken to his car.

Sept. 15 - Theft - A student reported that his/her black T-Mobile Sidekick 3 cell phone was lost or stolen. The phone had a swivel screen and a heart chain with rhinestones on it.

Sept. 15 - Motor Vehicle Accident - A football bus was in an accident while on the way to a game. No one was hurt and the bus continued to the football game.

Sept. 16 - Underage Alcohol - A female student was found throwing up in the girl's bathroom on the first floor annex of Prosser Hall. She was intoxicated. She was transported to St. Luke's Hospital and received a citation for underage consumption of alcohol.

Sept. 16 - Vandalism to Vehicle - Allentown Community Center called about a car alarm that was continuously going off on Liberty Street. Allentown Police Department found the owners of the car. Additionally, two cars had their rearview mirrors torn off.

Sept. 16 - Motor Vehicle Accident - A white bus

owned by the College hit a white Nissan Maxima owned by a commuter student in front of Seegers Union.

Sept. 16 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off in Robertson 302 due to burnt popcorn.

Sept. 16 - Theft - The front license plate was stolen off a student's car that was on Gordon Street.

Sept. 17 - Institutional Vandalism - Three students were found walking on Liberty Street throwing metal into the street. The students had been drinking earlier and were charged with underage consumption of alcohol.

Sept. 17 - Institutional Vandalism - A group of male students were found throwing furniture out of the Walz Hall lounge across from Brown Hall.

Sept. 17 - Underage Alcohol - A student was found intoxicated and throwing up on the fourth floor of Walz Hall. He/she was taken to the hospital and will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Sept. 17 - Underage Alcohol - Two former students and two current students were found by the front drive of Walz Hall drinking. The current students were forwarded to the Dean of Students and the non-students were given letters of trespass informing them that

they are no longer allowed on the campus.

Sept. 17 - Drug Possession - Three students and two non-students were found on the third floor of Martin Luther Hall with marijuana. The students were referred to the Judicial Process and the non-students were given letters of trespass.

Sept. 17 - Underage Alcohol - There was a crashing noise in a room on the third floor of Martin Luther Hall. The room was checked and beer bottles were found thrown around and broken all over the room. The students responsible were referred to the Judicial Process for criminal mischief and for underage consumption of alcohol.

Sept. 17 - Theft - A student reported that his car was broken into and a JVC brand stereo was stolen on North 23rd Street. This happened two weeks before it was reported.

Sept. 17 - Theft from building - A housekeeper thought his/her keys were missing from Walson Hall, but they were later found.

Sept. 17 - Institutional Vandalism - There was obscene graffiti found on the wall in Prosser Hall.

Sept. 18 - Institutional Vandalism - Baby powder was thrown all over the second floor stairwell in Prosser Hall.

Sept. 18 - Animal Complaint - A non-student reported that there was a dog in a car with no windows open.

Sept. 18 - Institutional Vandalism - There was damage to someone's door on the first floor of Prosser Hall. The white board was ripped off, the name tag was torn off and there was damage to the door frame to the room.

Sept. 18 - Motor Vehicle Accident - A student reported that someone hit her car on 2241 Liberty Street. The car was hit by another student who was parked in front of this student's car.

Sept. 18 - Suspicious Activity - At the Alpha Chi Omega house at 2221 Chew Street, there was an attempted entry of two male students. They admitted to trying to enter and they admitted that they had both consumed alcohol. The students will be forwarded to the Dean's office for the Judicial Process.

Sept. 19 - Disorderly Conduct - A male knocked over garbage cans and said he did nothing wrong on North 22nd Street. He will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Sept. 19 - Sick Student - A female student on the first floor of East Hall reported having abdominal pains. She was transported to the hospital.

WEEKLY

Life!

"Love the moment. Flowers grow out of dark moments. Therefore, each moment is vital. It affects the whole. Life is a succession of such moments and to live each, is to succeed." - Corita Kent

Carolyn Manosevits': seeking her personal holy spirit

By Kate Hullfish
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

To the right of the Martin Art Gallery in The Center for the Arts is a small art exhibit entitled "Healing: a Personal Journey," by Carolyn Manosevits. The pieces in this show were inspired by Manosevits' recent visit to the Ukraine to see and mourn the mass grave where her father's family was buried during the Shoah—the Hebrew word meaning catastrophe, often used by modern scholars to describe Hitler's Final Solution.

Her show is intended to convey what she calls the "eternal presence of absence" that she felt when standing over the grave. Her intention is to reveal her pain and the pain of viewers, as well as to reconcile. Though the exhibit is small, the beauty and sadness that she communicates in only 11 pieces is astonishing.

Manosevits works with mixed media to create three-dimensional pieces of a reoccurring theme, and often reoccurring images. She mainly uses photographs and paint to create abstract imagery that allows the viewer to identify with the pieces both creatively and emotionally. Though the images may be of her family and were inspired by

her sense of loss, the vagueness of the pieces makes them applicable to anyone who views the art. In the past, she has had victims of incest and the children of alcoholics who told her that they see their own stories in her art, which had led her to her current philosophy of art—that anyone can identify with trauma and heal by relating to others.

Manosevits lost 40 relatives in the Holocaust. She was raised believing that not many Christians helped the Jews, some aided in Hitler's task and others were indifferent. She says painting has helped her grow, and now asks for the help of Christians to aid in the healing of those who have been effected by the immense tragedy of the Holocaust.

Manosevits has often used painting as a way to reveal her emotions to herself and others. Some of her previous art works dealt with the struggles of immigrants as they tried to assimilate to the American cultural identity. These pieces express the difficult emotions experienced by countless individuals who miss their homeland, where so many people were brutally killed.

Manosevits is graciously donating one of her pieces *Seeking the Holy Spirit together I* to the College. The piece is representative of the emergence of Christianity from

Judaism—very subtly, the Star of David is shown behind the Christian cross. This is a theme with which she began to work after a student sent her a bible in the mail. With some difficulty, after years of believing that it was the Christians who had harmed her family, she read it and saw a con-

nection between Judaism and Christianity.

Manosevits is a visiting lecturer at the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, TX. Her experience there has not only helped her to heal, but has helped those of other religions to heal as well.



Kate Hullfish '07 looking at *Seeking the Holy Spirit together I* which will be donated to the College.

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"Although he's not here anymore, I would want to look like Cheesesteak James because he's one scary mofo."

- John Choi '07

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

"IF YOU COULD LOOK LIKE ANYONE AT MUHLENBERG WHO WOULD IT BE?"



"Aaron Bova...he's such a hottie!"

- Dave Tepper '08.



"My Italian teacher. She has a great sense of style!"

- Andrea Coiro '09



"President Helm. The bow tie is one cool look."

- Jocelin Thau '10



"General Pete because he's General Pete come on!"

- Joe Grinenko, Hillel Program Director

Compiled by Kim Nguyen

"Psychic Madman" shocks fans

By Beth Schwartz
WEEKLY COPY EDITOR

Saturday night's entertainment mentalist, or "Psychic Madman" as he calls himself, Jim Karol, who has been seen on *The Tonight Show*, *The Ellen Show* and will appear on *Jackass II*, performed magic like many had never seen before. Although everyone was comfortable and laid-back at this 10:00 p.m. showing of this crazy event, the energy Karol emitted dissolved into the audience; an audience full of laughter and vivacity.

Karol introduced his twisted magic tricks with some background information, telling of his experiences with the tricks. Some were "oldies but goodies," but most were quite unique and different.

It's safe to say Karol loves mind games. Admitting that he doesn't "read minds but influences them," Karol "misdirects" his audience, amazing everyone and leaving them asking, "What just happened?"

When attending a magic show, skeptics in the audience are convinced that the show is fixed or already planned. Because of this

trend, Karol lets the audience pick the volunteers, confirming that his bits are not pre-arranged. The result was fantastic. He called his friend, Chris, who was residing in New York City, and asked him

As you would assume, he got them all right. The skeptics in the group suddenly became believers, or they walked out in their defeat.

Another item Karol asked Chris to guess via



"Psychic Madman" Jim Karol has students come up and perform with him in the new Great Room in Seegers on Saturday night.

PHOTO BY JAMIE SCHNEIDER

to guess audience members' birthdays, favorite football teams, and the style and color of a girl's "panties."

cell phone, was a mystery "good looking male celebrity" an audience member picked out of a pile and didn't show any-

one. The best part: the audience member did not even know the name of the "good looking male celebrity" (It was Steven Tyler), and Chris knew it. Everyone had the same contemplative look on their faces, and then suddenly arose to cheer flamboyantly.

Later, as the show dwindled to the end, apathetic college kids with nothing to do on a Saturday night were turned into Jim Karol fans. They eagerly jumped up after the show ended to ask him questions about his career and stunts.

He gave them some insight, for example, showing them the button he presses to "shock their asses" when they lied during his one-of-a-kind lie detector test; when originally he said it was purely magic and that there was no button.

This show was a great time for everyone who came out that night. When the show was over, all the lovers of magic, all the apathetic kids who just wanted to hang out, as well as all those skeptics, walked out, transformed into believers who had experienced yet another memorable college night.

Navar never backs down

By Luanne Linares
ASST. LIFE! EDITOR

On Saturday night, the band Navar played for students of the College in what they called "an intimate setting." This self-proclaimed indie rock band hails from upstate New York, with only four members: Patrick Barry (vocals, guitar), Ben Barry (bass, b. vocals), Tim Lindhome (drums), John Mast (lead guitar, b. vocals).

They credit their sound to such influences as Goo Goo Dolls, Ben Folds, Third Eye Blind, The Black Crowes, Third Eye Blind, Queen, The Beta Band, Radiohead, Muse and Metallica. With that much inspiration, one can imagine their look and sound.

Navar is the type of band that has worked hard to get where they are today. For example, they independently release their own albums. Navar has built their following the

hard way and with a little help from MySpace.

As for that night, they were preceded by the band Max and Co who played a full and energized set. Though a little shaky in the beginning, the opening act finished strong, their energy building the longer they were on stage. Most of their songs centered on break-ups, distant relationships and changes in people--the usual soft rock topic.

To give credit where it is due, Max and Co's build up of energy was the perfect set up for Navar, who from the moment they took the stage, started to play without any warning. Their introductions were given after a few songs were played. Their sound was reminiscent of Nickleback, Goo Goo Dolls and Incubus--even their look reminded one of those rock bands.

Their lyrics, subtle and romantic, were almost lost among their excellent instrumental background sound.

As an added bonus, they did give out free CDs of their first album. This was a perfect arrangement for the audience because a majority of their songs on the album were played during their set. Navar allowed the audience to hear their sound and then gave them something to make sure they were remembered: the perfect way to gather up more fans. It's easy to see that they have the business sense as well as talent to make it this far.

The show itself made for a great concert because the band really wanted to connect with the audience--telling stories in between songs or offering anecdotes about certain members or other shows. One song they played, "Revolution Tonight," was off their newest and third album, which they are currently on tour to promote. According to them the Red Door was the first venue in

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AMC Weekend Listings



Artie Lange's Beer League

Fri. 4:50, 7:50, 9:50
Sat. 4:50, 7:50, 9:50
Sun. 1:50, 4:50, 7:50

The Black Dahlia

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

The Covenant

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:30
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:30
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Everyone's Hero

Fri. 4:50, 7:20, 9:30
Sat. 4:50, 7:20, 9:30
Sun. 2:40, 4:50, 7:20

Gridiron Gang

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 10:00
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 10:00
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Invincible

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 9:40
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 9:40
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

Flyboys

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

Jackass Number Two

Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

Personal accidents: more than your current fling

By Lily Hatfield
WEEKLY **LIFE!** WRITER

When you are first hooking up with that special someone, you want everything to be perfect. You want to look hot and put together, always say the right things and be absolutely flawless in the bedroom. Sadly, these things don't usually all happen at the same time, and something is bound to go wrong more often than not. Here are some of the most common, most embarrassing hook-up blunders, and how to recover while keeping your dignity and your partner from running out of the room screaming.

(Accidental)Bedroom Acrobatics

Trying new positions can be fun and exciting. But one must also be careful. That lap dance you are attempting to give on one of those wooden College desk chairs or on your bed, may land you right on your very own floor. Especially after a night of drinking, your ass becomes magnetized to the floor and it is much easier to fall and land right on it. Keep the acrobatics to a minimum. In the case that you do fall, invite your partner to join you on the floor for something new. If they decline, just get back up and

move to safe, grounded spot.

Burp-Up

A lot of bad things can come out of your mouth while hooking up. One of the worst is a burp. Burping is not very sexy. Sorry. If you do happen to expel some gas from your gullet while getting groovy, ignore it. If you call attention to it, your partner will too. Don't freak out and start crying or covering your mouth. Maybe smile, have a laugh and move on.

Wrong Name Blunder

Another big bedroom no-no is calling someone by the wrong name. Calling out for Ted when you are with Tom is one thing. You can recover by saying, "No, I said Tom, you misheard me." But if you call Ted something like Carl or Dave, you are going to have work quickly to save face. There is no way that certain names can be confused with each other. Apologize, and if they can't get over it, you might have lost this one.

Next time, repeat the name over and over in your head if you are having trouble remembering. Try to keep your mind on the task at hand, and if you don't know their name, just say, "Baby."

The Unmentionable...Until Now.

There is one unfortunate bedroom behavior from which it is impossible to recover. No matter what you do, this will NEVER be forgotten. But fear not, for this has been a problem for a large number of college students, not just at the 'Berg: peeing the bed.

"Who would DO such a thing?! That's just gross! Seriously, who would pee on someone?!" You may ask these questions now, but the truth is, it can happen to anyone at any time and is almost always unintentional. For those whose accidents are intentional, we can talk about that in a future column.

After a night of heavy drinking, the last thing on your mind is your bladder, when it should be one of your top priorities. Use the bathroom before hitting the sheets and again, to prevent any mishaps. You may be very drunk and just want to go to bed, but a little effort goes a long way. If the unthinkable does happen, you are just going to have to deal with it. Your partner will probably be grossed out and will possibly even be mad if it was his/her bed.

If it is your own bed, offer your partner a new spot to sleep, like a couch, and don't be surprised if he/she asks to leave.

Peeing the bed is a hilarious thing sometimes, though. Many guys and girls I have talked to say that they would just laugh, and that is why it is a subject of this column. I mean, come on, you peed on someone?! That's hilarious. Someone peed on you? AWESOME! This can be a way for people to bond with each other. "Bed Pee'ers Anonymous." Or for victims to come together and support each other: "Well, first she peed on me, and then she peed on my roommate." "Dude, that sucks, but it's freaking funny as hell." There are even clubs on Facebook devoted to the perpetrators and victims of bed-peeing.

The best thing to do when things go wrong in the bedroom is to not make a big deal about it. Although you can't ignore some situations, it will only make things worse if you make a big deal out of something small. Not to mention if the situation was reversed, you'd want the same consideration. Just get up, throw your sheets in the wash and get on with your life.

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John Mayer brings reality back to music

By Beth Schwartz
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

In this world of diverse and irregular genres of music, new acts of bubblegum pop, blues-iest blues, armored heavy metal and country souls constantly erupt. Yet, it's nice to see an old, favorite face again. Raising the bar for these new pin-up songwriters everywhere, John Mayer is at the pinnacle of his career. This three-time Grammy Award winner, pop-bluesy singer/songwriter released another polished album, *Continuum*, on Sept. 12. The twenty-eight year old Mayer, known for his breathy voice and amazing guitar solos, proved again that with each album, he renews his philosophical license to offer insight to all of our lives, profoundly and honestly.

Rock and roll music critic, Anthony DeCurtis, reported to *Rolling Stone Magazine* that in

Continuum, Mayer "achieves full flower here", giving him four out of five stars. Every lucrative album includes a classic template of track topics. All twelve tracks, none exceeding medium tempo, focus on vital issues upon which we reflect every day. In the first single, "Waiting for the World to Change," Mayer is very expressive about his views on social awareness. He challenges the government ("Now we see that everything is going wrong/With the world and those who lead it"), critiques the media, ("When you trust your television/What you get is what you got/'Cause when they own the information/They can bed it all they want") and argues, adding his anti-war stance ("It's not that we don't care/It's just that the fight ain't fair").

In his previous albums, *Room for Squares* (2001) and *Heavier Things*

(2003), Mayer merely dabbled in writing about love and relationships (I'm being sarcastic). Mayer sings about relationships, usually damaged ones, and casually chats about them from concert stages with thousands of his fans. "I'm Gonna Find Another You," "I Can't Trust Myself (with Loving you)," "The Heart of Life," "Dreaming with a Broken Heart," and "Slow Dancing in a Burning Room" tells about loves' wounds. Yet, in his heart-break, he sponsors inspiration for himself and his listeners. In "The Heart of Life," he sings (which I guarantee will invade your away messages and AIM profiles...you know what I'm talking about), "Pain throws your heart to the ground/Love turns the whole thing around/No it won't all go the way it should/But I know the heart of life is good," lending support for all on your buddy list. Yet, the perfect

counterparts to these obligatory love songs are songs like "Belief, Stop this Train," and "In Repair" as well as "Gravity" and "Vultures" – two songs first introduced by the John Mayer Trio on the bonus album, *Try!* (2005). In past songs, John Mayer has created some noble guitar solos; however, he really demonstrates his skills in the Jimi Hendrix cover, "Bold As Love." Hendrix would not be disappointed.

Mayer's versatile voice and music puts each song in its own element. In "Vultures," I picture Mayer driving, top-down to some tropical beach, whereas in "Gravity," I picture a dim stage with a gospel choir as his background vocals. Mayer has made it clear that he is here to stay. After all, the title is *Continuum*, and he is back on track, creating an outstanding standard for the music world, as well as those who never thought he would return.

Recipe of the Week!

Lemon Garlic Chicken

2 cloves of garlic or use around 2 tbs. or garlic powder (this can be changed to suit your tastes)

1/2 cup and 1/2 tbs. of lemon juice

1/2 tsp. of Worcestershire sauce

4 boneless chicken breasts

salt and pepper

Notes: This recipe requires an oven. Also for those of you a little inexperienced with cooking tbs. means tablespoon and tsp. means teaspoon. You can get the lemon juice from the lemons they sometimes sell in GQ or buy it. Finally, if using the garlic cloves, peel of some of the garlic bulbs' outer layers. One clove is a tear drop shaped section of the whole garlic bulb.

This is a quick recipe for some chicken with ingredients that you should or do already have around the dorm room. Start by preheating the oven to 425°F. Chop the garlic. Then mix the garlic with the lemon juice and Worcestershire sauce (you should have some extra lying around from that Chinese food you ordered a few weeks ago). Add just a little salt. Put chicken in a plastic bag (try not to use the kind with handles) or covered container and pour the mixture over it. Let it sit and marinate for 15 minutes. Transfer just the chicken to a pan (a broiler pan, which is the one with slots in the bottom and sits on top of another pan, if you have one) and season with salt and pepper to taste. Roast chicken 25-35 minutes until just cooked through. To make it a full meal, think about serving the chicken with rice and use the left over lemon juice to put over a cup of fruit. ENJOY!

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which they had played it.

The band puts on a great show and the audience feels that they are truly happy to be playing there for them, wherever that might be. Their love for their music and desire to share it with others makes the audience, no matter what size.

If anyone ever gets a chance to see them in concert, or manages to pick up their CD they won't be disappointed. Navar has a knack for getting to the soul of a problem and the essence of an experience and making it come alive

through music.

Obviously this band has been noticed already as they have opened recently for Third Eye Blind, the Goo Goo dolls and Teddy Geiger – and widened their fan base considerably by doing so.

The College should consider themselves lucky to have had them come perform. If you missed the show seek out someone who did and try to hear a song or two off of one of those CDs. You'll become a fan too.

Information courtesy of:
www.myspace.com/navar

FACTOIDS on Faith

Tashlika (tosh-leeckh; the "kh" is a guttural gargle like the end of Bach)--a symbolic act done by Jews on the afternoon of the Jewish New Year's Day, *Rosh Hashana*.

Bread, representing sin, is thrown into moving water--a river or stream--to symbolize throwing away the sins that God has forgiven. As the new year begins, a person can start over because of God's promise to forgive and leave the past behind.



College Football: Week Four

Predictions: The top five games of the week

By Zack Gugenheim
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Although it is the fourth week of the season, I'm here making my sports writing debut here at the weekly, specializing in college football. Here are my top 5 games of this weekend, and my predictions.

No. 24 Penn State vs. No. 1 Ohio State

Penn State's youth in the secondary showed two weeks ago against Notre Dame, as they were torched for 287 yards in the air. Look for more of the same as they take on an even faster core of receivers, featuring wideouts Anthony Gonzalez and Heisman-Candidate Ted Ginn Jr. The key for Penn State to even have a shot in this game is to get tailback Tony Hunt rolling, as the Buckeyes have struggled to shut down the running game. If Tony Hunt can run for 125 yards against a steadily improving Buckeye defense, there could be an upset in the making. However, Penn State quarterback Anthony Morelli can't turn the ball over like he did against the Irish (one interception, one fumble).

Penn State is a good team, better than what they showed against Notre Dame, but there is too much speed on both sides of the ball for Ohio State. Also, Morelli will have even more trouble with OSU's d-line, which features All-America candidate Quinn Pitcock at defensive tackle. I look for improvement, but not a win, from Penn State. Prediction: 38-21; Ohio State

Wisconsin vs. No. 6 Michigan

How will Michigan handle a big win? Although Michigan played very well against Notre Dame, I'm still not sold on their ability to get through the big ten season unscathed before their annual showdown with the Buckeyes. Wisconsin is rebuilding, but this program has a knack for engineering huge upsets, most notably last season when they beat up on a very good Auburn team. Michigan should win, as their defensive line should be able to at least contain the Badger rushing attack, and Wisconsin quarterback John Stocco is not a good enough passer to stretch the Wolverine defense vertically. Michigan running back Mike Hart should be able

to hit 100 yards for the fourth straight time, as the Wolverines win this one, but it will be closer than the experts think.

Prediction: 27-17; Michigan

No. 12 Notre Dame vs. Michigan State

Notre Dame was exposed last week as the Wolverines ran away with a 26 point victory against the Irish. Don't expect another blowout, but a shootout instead. Both of these offenses are two of the best in the country, with two of the best quarterbacks (featuring Notre Dame QB Brady Quinn and MSU QB Drew Stanton). Drew Stanton is a very dangerous dual threat, and should be able to give ND fits with his ability to stretch the defense with his arm as well as his legs. MSU running back Javon Ringer, who averages 7.7 yards per carry, should also be able to keep the ND defense on their heels, as he is one of the most underrated running backs in the country. The MSU defense, or lack there of, will keep Notre Dame in the game, but I look for the Spartans to finish what the Wolverines started last week.

Prediction: 42-38;
Michigan State

Iowa State vs. No. 7 Texas

Texas quarterback Colt McCoy will finally get to play, and shine, against a quality opponent. Iowa State has been very susceptible to the passing game, as they have allowed over 275 yards passing in two of their first three games. Add that to the fact that Texas has arguably the best running combo of running backs Selvin Young and Jamaal Charles, and you are asking for a huge day for McCoy. This should be his breakout game, while opposing quarterback Bret Meyer will have to figure out the best secondary he will see all season. ISU keeps it close early, but the flood gates will open to the Bevo and company near halftime.

Prediction: 45-16; Texas

No. 22 Arizona State vs. No. 21 California

It should be no surprise that on paper, this looks like a shootout. Arizona State quarterback Rudy Carpenter hasn't been mentioned much, but he is one of the best in the country. Through three games, he has thrown for 842 yards and 9 touchdowns. There is only one downfall... he has thrown four interceptions. On the other side, the Bears star player (running back Marshawn Lynch), well, he hasn't fumbled, ever... in his career. I look for both of these marquee players to get the most touches for their respective teams, so I think Lynch gets my vote, considering he is the best with ball security (did I mention he is averaging 7.2 yards per carry?)

Prediction: 35-28; California

That's it for my Saturday Selections, now, just a look into who I think are the top ten teams in college football.

Auburn - Great offense, even greater defense.

Ohio State - Quarterback Troy Smith controls their destiny... the win against Texas helped too.

USC - I think they are good... but it is more the fact that no one can contend with them in the Pac-10

Michigan - They knocked Brady Quinn off my heisman ballot. That's pretty good.

Florida - Great win against Tennessee, Chris Leak is simply a great quarterback

West Virginia - Steve Slaton might be the best running back in the country... too bad he won't play a quality defense to prove it

Texas - Have the best offensive and defensive lines in the country, and still will end up in the BCS come bowl season.

Louisville - Do they really have great depth... or is Miami just that bad?

LSU - Tough loss to Auburn, but still has a shot to win the SEC

Notre Dame - Brady Quinn is very good, and even though I don't like the pesky leprechauns, they are not as bad as they played last Saturday... at I hope they aren't.

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Top 5 Heisman Candidates

1. Adrian Peterson (RB, Oklahoma)
2. Troy Smith (QB, Ohio State)
3. Steve Slaton (RB, West Virginia)
4. Chris Leak (QB, Florida)
5. Garrett Wolfe (RB, Northern Illinois)

Mule Profile: Ryan Sassaman

"Dedicated dual-athlete"

By Alex Mangini and Ruwani Ganepola

ASST. SPORTS EDITORS

A member of both the football and baseball teams, senior Ryan Sassaman is a dedicated student and athlete here at the College. Originally from Bear, DE, Sassaman



Ryan Sassaman kicks a perfect punt.

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has enjoyed playing football since he was in the eighth grade. As a punter for the football team, he feels as if he has gained valuable experience over the past three years. All

of his training here led him to be named Special Teams Co-Player of the Week by the Centennial Conference on Sun. Sept. 10. He is currently averaging 37.4 yards per punt and is a perfect 4-for-4 passing for 173 yards this season. He also has had two touchdowns in his career at the College. Sassaman credits participating in playoffs because they were "a great time and I think they have helped me in both football and baseball because that is a pressure situation."

Sassaman's hard work and leadership not only earned the respect of the Centennial Conference, but from his teammates as well. Mike Gowel, '08 remarks, "Ryan's a great teammate. He is really dependable and dedicated." Chris Musselman, '07 describes Sassaman as "a player that has the ability to lighten the mood of the team." Fellow baseball teammate Jason Bonder reveals that "Sassaman is a guy you want on the field for more reasons than his athletic ability. He hustles, and brings a positive attitude to the field. It's clear that he's a gifted athlete physically. But it's the combination of talent and great work ethic that I believe makes him valuable, regardless of whether he's wearing a helmet or a cap."

When asked about the current football season Sassaman is optimistic and goes on to say, "We played well in our first two games for football and took a tough loss last week, but I feel like we're getting better every week and are going

to have a good season." Sassaman believes that the football team's upcoming conference schedule is "what matters the most and I think we're going to have a good year."

In addition to the demands of the football team, Sassaman devotes the rest of his year to the baseball team. He has been playing baseball since he was about four or five, and began his first season at the College playing right field. Over the past two years, he changed positions to second base. Sassaman is excited for the spring baseball season because the team has "a new coach who is going to be great for us, as well as a lot of seniors who have played for a while and have experience." Overall, he believes that the team "has the talent to be very good and we all think that this year could be a very good year."

Sassaman is grateful that his coaches for both teams have been able to support him and his teammates as well as motivate them to play their hardest. He continues to say that "the coaches are great and they have taught me a lot about both sports so I feel as if I've progressed mentally as well as physically."

In his spare time, Sassaman is active in the Second Mile, which is an Allentown based community service project. Here Sassaman and the rest of the football team are paired up with under-

privileged children from the city. In the spring he plans on "doing some community service with the baseball team, but we are still deciding what we would like to do."

Sassaman is a physical science major here at the College. He plans on going to graduate school, and then wants to pursue a career as either a math or physics teacher. Although he doesn't plan on playing football after college, he does hope to participate in an adult baseball league in his home town when he gets older. After graduating, he would also like to be a part of football and baseball through coaching.

When asked about his time management during both the football and baseball seasons he responded, "It's hard to manage time. It's gotten a lot easier as I get older because I've done it for three years and I've gotten the hang of it." He adds, "I manage my time better during the seasons because I know I have to get work done after practice is over. So in actuality, I find it easier to manage time during football and baseball season." Ryan Sassaman proves to be a hard working and committed student-athlete both on and off the field.



Sassaman playing second base.

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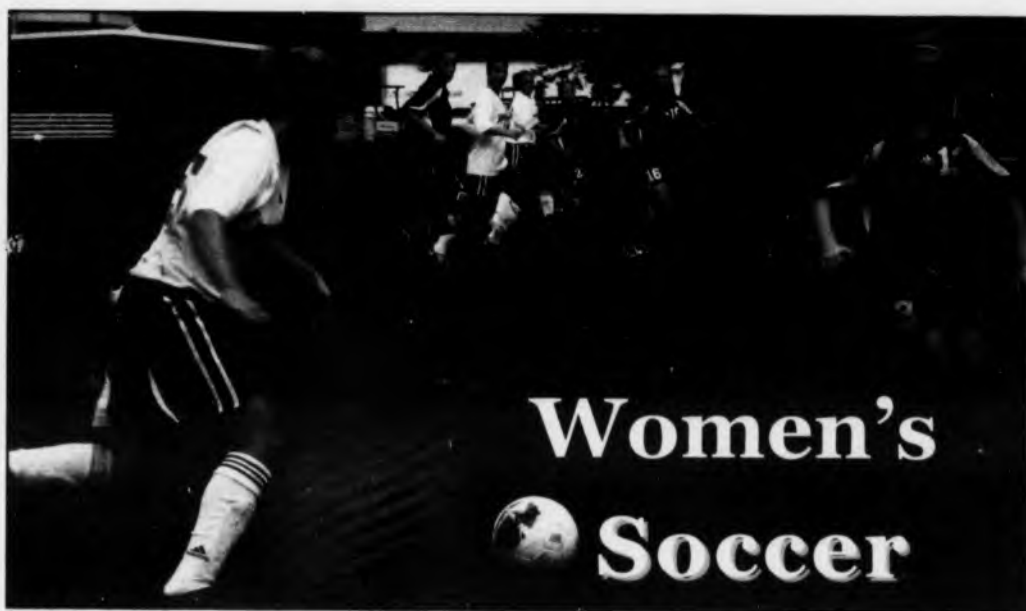
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Mules Win Two



Muhlenberg takes a shot on goal!

PHOTO BY JUSTIN GERSTLEY

By Ben Jackson
OP/ED EDITOR

The Mules (then 3-2, 1-0) met McDaniel (1-3, 0-1) at home on Saturday's women's basketball game and came up with a 2-1

overtime victory in their first Centennial Conference game of the season. McDaniel scored right off the bat in the sixth minute, taking an early lead in what would turn out to be a very lopsided match.

After going down 1-0, the Mules rallied to tie it up when freshman Kimberly Hacker found the net in the 15th minute. Muhlenberg dominated McDaniel for nearly the entire game, an effort which isn't even entirely represented by Mules 36-4 shot advantage. McDaniel fought off the Mules' barrage of shots and in the very physical game, managed to survive until extra time.

Once in extra time, the Mules quickly put it away five minutes in, when senior Elana Robinowitz headed in the winning goal. The goal ended a 19 shot second half scoring drought for the Mules and started the Mules off as undefeated in Centennial Conference play.

Two early second half goals helped the Mules (4-2) beat Rutgers-Newark (3-3) 2-0 and achieve win number two for the weekend.

Freshman Samantha Hoffman's header off a pass from freshman Christina O'Grady five minutes into the second half helped the Mules go up 1-0 and eventually turned into the deciding goal. Senior Andrea Dello Ruso's goal off a pass from freshman Kasey Hacker eight minutes later gave the Mules a 2-0 cushion which ended up being enough to starve off Rutgers-Newark till the final whistle.

When asked about her outlook of the season, Senior co-captain, Kristen Cioeta said, "This year we are really beginning to pull together as a team and take advantage of our scoring opportunities, which are both improvements from last year, as is our record so far. With all our returning players in addition a very strong freshmen class this season looks to be very promising and I am excited to see where we will go with it."

The win helped the Mules improve to 4-2 overall and the great team play, along with a 15-2 shot advantage, helped earn senior goalie Kayla Boisvert her tenth career shutout.

By Jessica Salese
SPORTS WRITER

The Muhlenberg field hockey team faced off with Montclair State this Saturday. The Red Hawks, who are ranked sixth in Division III, were held at a 1-1 tie due to tenacious defense. Senior defender, Kate Moyer, scored the lone goal and also made many important defensive saves. Yet, with only 8:26 left in the first half, Montclair came knocking on Muhlenberg's door.

They scored 3 goals within the last 7 minutes of the first half, and added two more goals only 30 seconds apart in the second half. Allie Covell, Senior half-back, notes that, "I am very proud of the defensive line, everyone stepped it up and gave it their all. Montclair is a great

team but we kept them contained for most of the first half." Although the score may not show it (6-1), but the Mules did a tremendous job of keeping the score close against a nationally ranked team. The team's record is now 4-2, with the two losses against top-20 teams. Senior, LisaAnn Polt, who commands the forward line explains that, "We came out really strong and had great possession of the ball in the first half. Once they scored, we let down a bit and began to play intimidated. I think we have a tough schedule ahead of us, but all we can do is learn from this loss and move on." The girls are not dwelling on this loss, they still have a bright outlook for the rest of the season and are gearing up for their next game.

Field Hockey Flopped



Muhlenberg converges to steal the ball away from Montclair State.

PHOTO BY JUSTIN GERSTLEY

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Connie Podesta gives a presentation via-satellite

By Elyse Ettin
WEEKLY NEWS ASST. EDITOR

On Sept. 26 at 7:00 p.m. students were able to attend a satellite viewing of a motivational speaker named Connie Podesta in Miller Forum. The presentation viewed via satellite took place at William Paterson University in Wayne, N.J. It was sponsored by "The National Society of Leadership and Success." The name of the presentation was "Life Would Be Easy If It Weren't For Other People," which is also the title of Podesta's book.

Gary Tuerack, the National President of the "National Society of Leadership and Success," introduced Podesta as an educator, a comedian, an actress, a marriage counselor, a book-author and a playwright. Then, Podesta made her way out in front of the crowd at William Paterson University. Podesta asked the audience if they are choosing to be in healthy relationships, if they are making choices to be physically healthy, if they are making choices to be financial-

"Until you know yourself, you will never be attracted to the right kind of person."

Connie Podesta,
Author of *Life Would Be Easy If It Weren't For Other People*

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The College brings back SPIRIT Week

By Jenn Lavelle
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

SPIRIT Week has officially returned to the College. "The tradition [of SPIRIT Week] had been dying down. There used to be some events before Homecoming, but now we have combined these traditions into one week," said Katie Bemis, Representative for the Class of '09 and Chair of the SPIRIT Week Committee. All of the events are planned by Student Council members and various student volunteers. The theme for this year's SPIRIT Week is "Haunted Homecoming," because Friday the 13th falls during Homecoming Weekend.

On Mon., Oct. 9, an "Athlete

Auction" will be held in the Great Room of Seegers at 8:00 p.m. DJ Lex will provide the music for this event. Students can "bid" on various student athletes to go on a date with. The bid money pays for dinner and the date.

The traditional Powder-puff game will be held on Tues.

The theme for this year's SPIRIT week is "Haunted Homecoming."

Oct. 10 at 8:30 p.m. on the turf at Scotty Wood Stadium. The teams will be divided up by class, and it will be a tournament-style event. The games should last about twenty minutes each. The College football players will coach and referee this event.

The movie *The Shining* will be

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Greek organizations help clean up the community

By Tom Holtz
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

This year, the College's Greek organizations are set to embark on a large scale community service project. Throughout the year, each fraternity or sorority will take a weekend to help clean up the streets of Allentown. President Helm specifically asked

"The national chapters of each fraternity or sorority look for each chapter to participate in activities..."

Christopher Jachimowicz,
Director of Student Leadership

tically agreed to participate. Neighbors recently mentioned to President Helm that they have noticed more trash around the area.

The organizations will help clean up the neighborhood about eight times this year. Tentatively starting after fall break in October, Delta Zeta will be the first organization to participate. Aaron Weintraub '07, is President of Delta Tau Delta and the Student

Director of the program.

Greek students are obliged to participate in a monthly community service activity. Each month they participate in a different philanthropy or community service project. Many are connected to different groups around Allentown. For example, Alpha Chi Omega is involved with Turning Point, while Phi Kappa Tau is involved with the Hole In The Wall gang, which deals with terminally ill children. "The national chapters of each fraternity or sorority look for each chapter to participate in activities, but there are not a lot of opportunities to be involved with a 'walk-in' event where 200-400 people

could participate," said Christopher S. Jachimowicz, Director of Student Leadership Development & Greek Affairs.

This project puts all of the organizations together to work as one. "This project helps show those non-Greek students and the surrounding

community that we care more about Allentown as a whole," said Nick Arminio, Community Service Chair for Phi Kappa Tau. There is a general perception that all

There are many more experiences that revolve around the community in which Greek life takes part, but not many are praised because they tend to be unnoticed.

Greek life is only social. However, this is a misconception. There are five aspects that characterize Greek life. "Leadership, scholarship, service, character and fraternity/social life are what each organization comprises of. The college is demonstrating this to others," said Jachimowicz. There are many experiences that revolve around the community in which Greek life

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Hazing's more than just a Greek problem

This week marks National Hazing Prevention week. Sororities and fraternities have received promotional buttons in the mail and posters to tack up around campus. Hazing has been a long-term problem at Muhlenberg. However, it never really received any negative attention or punishment until the last two years or so.

Now, under the pressure from the College and their nationals, some of the sororities are revamping their new member education (a.k.a. pledging) processes to reflect the core values and goals of their individual sororities and the pillars of the College. But we would be ignorant to imagine that hazing is only limited to the Greek realm of college life. Take a look around the campus and you will see sororities and fraternities representative in every clique, team or club. We are a small campus where people find groups with similar attitudes, mentalities, likes, dislikes, interests and aspirations—pretty much the definition of a sorority or fraternity. We've heard our college be compared to a high school where everyone knows everyone's business and the cliques of "jocks" and "band geeks", which the massive tables during dinnertime in the Garden Room expose, seems to follow suite.

Though the school targets Greek life for hazing, it is not the only black sheep on campus. Last year, five members of Student Council were charged with hazing freshmen and were kicked off of Council. If you are lucky enough, you might get the chance to witness hazing in action during your evening meal. Announced by the clinking of glasses, new athletes of some teams are forced to sing solo for the entire Garden Room crowd. We are not telling the administration to go and investigate all these groups and do something about it. We understand worried mothers and fathers complain that their daughter or son is upset and that it is the College's responsibility to follow up and report back. We are just saying that hazing is an issue that permeates the College, its clubs and other organizations, not only its Greek life. Sororities and fraternities received those buttons and posters this morning, but did Council or any of the other teams or clubs? Maybe all organizations on campus should be given them, if not as a remedy to present hazing problems, then as a preventative to possible future ones.

To Whom It May Concern:

It has come to my attention that due to recent events, President Helm, has issued a new policy requiring five Campus Police Officers to patrol the on and off-campus owned areas from the hours of 6:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. This may come off as no big deal, and pretty easy to implement; however, when looking more closely at this situation there are many more problems that need to be addressed.

At any given moment there are currently three officers on duty accountable for approximately 2,200 students on campus. The size of the department has stayed the same for over a decade and has increasingly assumed new responsibilities and territory. The Department of Campus Safety is not only responsible for the patrol of campus owned and leased property, many officers have other commitments such as offering educational programs to all students to try and prevent crime, handling paper work and patrol. Yet, the officers must still maintain a positive and safe relationship with the community, the students and the faculty and personnel at the College. The College has continued to expand and admit larger numbers of students each year yet has declined to increase the police force necessary to keep this community safe.

The College already has an agreement with the city of Allentown to send two off-duty officers to support our campus officers seven days a week for roughly four hours a night. Recently, in the *The Morning Call*, it was published that contracted off-duty Allentown officers cost \$35 per hour. Assuming the off-duty officers are hired for seven days a week at four hours a night for the semester, this costs the college \$1,960 per week, \$7,840 per month and \$39,200 roughly per semester. If we can assume that the starting

salary for a campus safety officer is roughly

Unsafe policy

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

According to a report in last week's Weekly, SBA, President Helm, Admissions, Public Relations and Dean Green's office have all apparently signed on to a unisex abstinence-only campaign by endorsing the formation of a group called Men Against Sexual Conduct. If repressing all "sexual conduct" by men on campus isn't the purpose of this organization, then we may have an example of what happens when the desire for a catchy acronym (MASC) trumps basic verbal accuracy. My concern may seem pedantic. I fear, though, that this kind of comically imprecise naming will trivialize legitimate and necessary efforts to rid the campus of misogyny, sexual predation, sexual exploitation and sexual assault.

In the meantime, campus-wide recruiting will begin soon for my two new organizations Mules Against Misleading Acronyms (MAMA) & Be Abstemious or Don't (BAD).

James D. Bloom, Department Head Professor of English

Misleading titles

Dear Editor:

Sportsmanship. Its definition ... "conduct becoming of a person who is fair, generous, a good loser, and a graceful winner."

The Centennial Conference was one of the first conferences in the country to adopt a sportsmanship statement and include it as part of every Centennial match, be it in a game program or read over a public address system. As one of the elite small college conferences in the country, we are proud of the manner in which our students support their teams and of our Conference's leadership role.

Now we wish to build on that role, as Muhlenberg College and the Centennial Conference have joined with the NCAA Division III Commissioners Association in a unified effort to promote respect for student-athletes, coaches and officials in intercollegiate athletics.

The message is simple: Be Loud, Be Proud, Be Positive

The program asks that fans ...

-Cheer for your team, not against the visitors

-Don't get personal in your comments about players, coaches or officials

-No profanity, vulgarity, racist or sexist comments

The NCAA Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee has also adopted a statement on fan sportsmanship:

As NCAA Division III student-athletes we commit ourselves to sportsmanship by demonstrating respect toward ourselves and others. This includes demonstrating fair play, taking responsibility for our actions and representing the spirit of Division III intercollegiate athletics. We encourage our teammates, opponents, fans, coaches and referees to help us in promoting this philosophy.

The Centennial Conference welcomes your continued support of your friends and classmates and hopes you will continue in building a positive spirit in the stands and on the sidelines.

Sincerely,

Steve Ulrich, Executive Director Centennial Conference
Randy Helm, President

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SECURITY | FROM PAGE 2 \$40,000 (roughly the same cost of tuition for each new additional student), we could hire two additional officers for the long-term and for longer hours and expand our protection of the area instead of continuing the temporary relief from the city of Allentown.

This new policy issued by President Helm that would have five officers on patrol between 6:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m. does not have the true intent of helping protect this community. This will result in less coverage of the campus during day-time hours and make it more vulnerable to crime. Our officers will now be forced to pull 12-18 hour shifts on top of their other commitments here at the school, to their families or their other jobs in order to maintain the safety level desired by President Helm. All President Helm really has to do is become fiscally responsible and allocate the proper amount of funds to address these criminal issues. This new issue continues to prove that Campus Safety is over-worked, under-funded and under-appreciated. We need to have an alternate, practical and realistic long-term plan to prevent the spread of crime and continue to protect the safety of our community in and around Muhlenberg campus.

Instead of burdening the current under-staffed Campus Safety with longer hours, less sleep and more work, we need to hire more full-time officers so that we may guarantee the quality of our safety on campus. I know there are a lot of students upset that there have been many crimes recently on college property, however, what they are not taking into account is that every minor call to open up a building or lock a building or door takes time and pulls one officer off the street to respond to that call.

Wasting time to open and lock doors should not be considered part of Campus Safety responsibilities. Instead, we need to have increased personnel so that they may better handle situations on campus and continue the tradition of friendly relations with the students and community around the College.

Tuition is now roughly \$40,000 and is about the cost of one additional campus safety officer. With ever-increasing enrollment at the College, how are we not taking advantage of the increasing revenue from tuition to improve our Campus Safety or even our Plant Operations departments around campus? What reason is there for not giving increased funding to have additional full-time invested officers to work for our college and continue the traditional exceptional quality of safety our college has seen these past decades? It is selfish to not acknowledge the hard work our officers go through day after day to ensure the quality of safety each student receives while attending this university. It is an absolute shame that we cannot afford to hire additional employees to protect this expanding college and expect the current staff from the early 1990s to do the work of 16-18 people in 2006.

If you are dissatisfied with the way security is on campus, do not hesitate, write, call, fax and email the administration about your concerns with the lack of safety on campus. Do your civic duty and demand a better quality of safety.

Regards,

David Dolan '07

Righting our registering rationale

By Andrew Smith
WEEKLY BUSINESS MANAGER

Every semester, Muhlenberg students are forced to cope with the arduous process of registering for next term's

classes. This systematic and prolonged manner of course assignment places an undue burden upon the Registrar's Office and the entire student body. The Muhlenberg College registration procedure, in my opinion, is inadequate and should be revised in order to properly meet the needs of a growing student population.

In most colleges and universities, an online system of registration has already been established and has proven to be successful. Students can easily register for courses all at one time, and it avoids the mass confusion that a non-electronic system brings about. By utilizing the Internet for course registration, excess paperwork would be eliminated, and the job of the Registrar's Office would also be made much easier. Additionally, the process of course selection would be greatly streamlined, and students would not have to deal with all the frustrations/aggravations associated with our antiquated registration system.

Currently, students are forced to choose courses that they may or may not necessarily want for their schedules. The present system operates in an alphabetical fashion, and students are grouped accordingly by their last name. However, many will not get the courses that they originally wanted. Thus, on registration day, numerous peers are completely discouraged when they cannot place into courses they "need" for their major and/or for their general requirements. In contrast, an online system would enable all students to register for courses at the same time. Thus, the selective process of alphabetization (that is utilized currently) would be averted. Students would be placed into courses depending upon how quickly they were able to register that day.

In many cases, the most complaints (from the student body) emanate from the time slots chosen by the Registrar to pick courses. For the earliest registration times, students must arrive two to three hours before their official time actually begins. Thus, they may have to arrive at the Registrar at 5:00 a.m. or 6:00 a.m. just to get a course they need before it closes out (and, in many cases, there is no guarantee that this course will even be available). An online system would eliminate these frustrations by providing available options of courses with appropriate time slots.

Unfortunately, the current system also provides an additional burden upon the Registrar employees. These workers receive much criticism from students who cannot be placed into their "much-needed" courses. In some cases, these individuals face outright disrespect during the registration process. However, this could all be avoided with the creation of an online system of course registration.

Therefore, I ask you to please become more involved and discuss this issue with your peers and the administration. The current system cannot

possibly meet the needs of this already expanding campus. Think about the future students of the college, and help them obtain an updated system that works.

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A sense of normalcy in New Orleans



Joe Caporoso
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

I am writing this article on a Monday afternoon about five hours before something good is finally going to happen to a place which has seen nothing of the sort over the past year. At about 8:30 p.m. tonight, the New Orleans Saints will have their first home football game in the Superdome since the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. The game will be broadcast across the world on Monday Night Football. It promises to be a special event full of emotion, pride and memories of disaster striking one of our great cities.

Why talk about a football game in a world news and politics column? The game is world news. The game does involve politics. About a year ago, the

The game is world news. The game does involve politics.

About a year ago the Superdome was a symbol of suffering.

Superdome was a symbol of suffering. The stadium was an image of our government's ineffectiveness and mind-boggling slow response to a disaster that made America look like a third-world country. The building epitomized the poor people of a country not being taken care of. As Spike Lee quoted when asked about his recent documentary on the city, "George Bush doesn't care about poor people: doesn't matter what color, black or white."

The Superdome showed Federal Emergency Management Agency to be a mess, led by an incompetent crony of a president. It showed the heavy

racial tensions that still runs through our country. The building became a symbol seemingly of everything that was wrong with America. Yet, tonight, Monday night, that symbol changes.

Tonight, the Superdome becomes a symbol of hope. It becomes a source of energy for the continued re-building efforts being undertaken. Most importantly, it becomes a symbol of joy for the citizens of New Orleans, who get to watch their home team in their home stadium. For a few hours tonight, they can gather with friends at the stadium or in their homes and forget about the negatives the building symbolized. Tonight the Superdome doesn't make people hurt; it helps people heal.

Sports are one of a few things in this world that can transcend the hardships of daily life. For a few hours tonight, the world watches New Orleans and praises the great city. Everyone

will look upon the field in the Superdome and not see homeless people scattered around, but athletes playing a game -- a game that will be enjoyed by everyone in the city of New Orleans, and provide continued hope for the growing re-birth of the city.

Tonight the Superdome is about Reggie Bush and Michael Vick. It's about X's and O's and ESPN. Yet, for the people of New Orleans tonight is about a sense of normalcy in their lives -- the kind of normalcy that a football game could provide for a city in need of something as simple and enjoyable as a game of football. Eventually, the lights will go off and the game will end. The process of re-building will continue and the harsh memories of the treatment New Orleans took will come back. Yet, at least for this Monday night, under the lights of the Superdome, the people of New Orleans can smile.

The Superdome becomes a symbol of hope. It becomes a source of energy for the continued re-building efforts.

Getting to the root of the problem

By John Hunoval
WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

Being Republican means that you have similar ideals with the other members in your party. One of the main ideals represented in the republican Party, is that members want less involvement of government in everyday affairs and choices. This is an issue that cannot be argued. This ideology is truly conservative and republican. But, for some reason when republicans say that they are pro-choice, the majority of the party looks upon them with true contempt. I believe that one can be a good republican while still being pro-choice.

I recently attended a benefit dinner for pro-choice republicans where the guest speaker was former Governor of New Jersey, Christine Todd Whitman. Along with Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, she is one the most prominent pro-choice members of our party. She issued the same sentiments that I felt on the issue of abortion and is one of the main people that I and other pro-choice republicans should look up to for leadership in the future. The right of choice

should not be forced upon you through the government and most definitely not become totally outlawed because then you open Pandoras box of many other problems our government would have to deal with.

Lawmakers should use history as a template for future decisions, with abortion being quite similar to the temperance movement of the 1920s. The goal of the government

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was to outlaw the consumption of liquor, which on the surface looked like it was working. But, one of the main problems was that speakeasys were serving liquor illegally to citizens that truly wanted a drink. If the far right of our party did outlaw abortion the results would be very similar. First off, if a woman really wanted to get rid of a child she would have to revert to a back alley abortion where the tools would contain chemicals and non-sterile devices. Doctors would then be considered murderers, instead of medical professionals and portrayed as horrible human beings. Another option for a woman would be having the baby naturally but then throwing it in a trash can. This would be absolutely horrible and could

be prevented if a safe alternative is given to women. This would create an unnecessary amount of crime that the government would have to deal with and probably not even find out about. The amount of money spent to prosecute or make legislation against these people would be immense. The legislature of the Republican Party realizes this and is a main reason larger steps have not been taken in outlawing a womans right to choose.

Our party needs to get back to the roots it was founded on and realize that by limiting free choice, you are denying republicans a key ideology of their party. If the Republican Party wants to be the majority party of the future, this is one issue that could be resolved by working for common ground with liberals, instead of insisting to outlaw abortion completely. It is possible to be a good pro-choice republican because by supporting free choice you are only exercising a right that our party was founded on.

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Students travel to New York City to rally for Darfur

By Kim O'Brien
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

A group of College students joined an estimated crowd of 30,000 protesters on Sept. 17, 2006, at the "Save Darfur Rally," held in New York City's Central Park. Last Sunday marked the date for "Global Day for Darfur," a worldwide effort to show support for Darfur victims and place pressure on governments to stand against the ongoing crimes against humanity taking place in the Western Sudan region.

Like many protesters across the globe, students at the College donned blue hats to symbolize the blue helmets and berets worn by United Nations peacekeepers. Much criticism has surrounded the somewhat lackluster efforts to effectively resolve Darfur bloodshed. An estimated 400,000 people have died resulting from systematic expulsion, rape and deadly tribal violence in the region, while thousands remain displaced throughout Sudan. Though the *Darfur Peace Agreement* was implemented in May, the Sudan government has repeatedly rejected it.

Among the College students, Adrian Shanker, '09, attended the Spring 2006 rally for Darfur in Washington, D.C. Shanker noted the importance of the rally, which coincides with the one-year anniversary of the signing of the 2005 *U.N. World Summit Outcome Document* and the opening of the General Assembly of the United Nations in N.Y.

"It was a big day for many heads of state in New York that weekend – we knew they would all be there,"

said Shanker. "The September goal is to get peacekeepers into Darfur," he explained. This goal is already taking aim as President Bush recently announced Andrew Natsios, who has served in the U.S. Agency for International Development, as special envoy to Darfur.

The rally featured musical performers such as O.A.R. and Big & Rich, as well as speakers including former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, actress Mira Sorvino and numerous House of Representatives members. Eugene Johnson, an American University freshman, exclaimed, "It was amazing. A lot of energy there."

Adrian Shanker '09

Shanker and Johnson both noted that apathy is one of the biggest factors limiting progress in Darfur. "There will definitely be an impact, hopefully, as more and more people find out," stated Johnson.

"I feel that many don't truly understand what's happening," explained Shanker. The conflict is complex and deeply rooted in tribal differences, but spans up to present-day rebel movements in Sudan. It is argued that one of the main distinctions between the two groups are their nomadic versus sedentary lifestyles; the attackers widely recognized as nomadic tribal Muslims (often known as Janjaweed), and the victims considered as sedentary citizens, often referred to as "African tribal Muslims."

Though religion is not the sole basis of the violence, many religiously affiliated organizations have

passionately advocated the "Save Darfur" movement. Shanker, who has worked closely with Hillel and Muhlenberg's Institute for Jewish/Christian Understanding, noted the strong turnout of Jewish organizations at the rally. "We feel a strong connection to the Shoah [Holocaust] – the genocide of a group," he stated.

"Genocide" is a controversial term regarding Darfur. Though the catastrophe is commonly referred to as genocide, the U.N. has not officially declared it as so. This is not to say that other high officiating organizations have dismissed the notion of genocide. Even the U.N. has recognized that "there is no doubt that some of the objective elements of genocide materialized

in Darfur." (*Report of the International Commission of Inquire on Darfur to the United Nations Secretary General, Sec. II, Art. II, 508*).

With the U.N. General Assembly presently in session at such a crucial time, it is up to U.N. officials and governmental powers across the globe to ultimately determine the best course of action in preventing Darfur from becoming full-fledged genocide. As for activists like Shanker and Johnson, they are hopeful that governments will put their agendas aside and take note of the worldwide lobbying for a region obviously in need. Shanker adequately summarizes the lack of crisis intervention in Darfur stating, "We're putting politics above people."



Students from the College rally with others in a world-wide effort to show support for Darfur victims.

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takes part, but not many are praised because they tend to be unnoticed.

Community service at many institutions can have negative connotations. It can be associated with punishment, in regards to various school-wide violations. "There is a tough public perception about community service. Usually it is heard of when trying to off-set something that some-

one did that was wrong. This is not the case. Usually, they aren't promoted, but it shows that the Greek community is organized, and that they work and talk together. Community service is still a large part of Greek life," said Jachimowicz.

"It is an opportunity to do something beneficial to the community. Hopefully, the community will appreciate our work. It is both a good way to get the Greek name out in a positive way and

help the community," said Weintraub.

"It is important to show the community that Muhlenberg students are dedicated to something greater than their school-work and extracurricular activities. When you have such a large organization, it is easy to make a large impact on the community through acts of community service. It is important to show the community that we care a lot about giving back and will do anything that we

can to support them," said Stephanie Hacker '07, President of Phi Sigma Sigma.

It is important to take notice and recognize the city in which you go to college. Many people do not look beyond the boundaries of the Collège campus and into the community. By giving back to Allentown, the school and the fraternities and sororities might be able to improve the image between the school and its neighbors, creating more of

a bridge that connects the two.

Although Greek life does not dominate campus, when Greeks participate in local community service, it raises the standard for what the rest of the Collège's students and organizations can do. By taking part in this large scale project, it shows our community that the Greek leaders are dedicated in actively balancing the five characteristics that make up a fraternities and sororities.

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Answer to Sudoku

Sudoku

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ly healthy and if they are making the choices necessary to get a job that they will like and that will make them feel worthy.

Next, Podesta did a little role-playing with a male student. She went over the five questions that women should never ask men. The role-playing was performed in a comedic manner, as Podesta is a comedian. The questions she asked the student were if he notices anything different about her, if her clothes make

her look fat, what he is thinking about, what is wrong and if another woman is cuter than her. The student played along really well, and received a free copy of Podesta's book.

Next, Podesta broke up the four essential parts of life into categories: Personal relationships, physical health, money and professional life. In terms of personal relationships, she said, "Not a human being in your life should ever yell at you." She then went further to say that many people choose their "opposites" with whom to have long-term relationships because they like being with someone who is strong in their weak areas. For instance, one partner may worry a lot and the other is as care-free as can be. One might be active, and the other may be lazy. One may waste money, and the other may be thrifty. In terms of relationships, Podesta said, "Until you know yourself, you will never be attracted to the right kind of person."

In terms of physical health, Podesta said that everything that teenagers and young adults put into their bodies now will affect their health in their 50s and 60s. She acknowledged the fact that young people do not always think about the future, but she encouraged the audience to make good

choices now in order to be healthy in the their later years.

When she spoke about money, Podesta said that wealth results in power and happiness. However, she noted that happiness can result in addiction. She said, "Debt is one of the sickest places to be because it makes us hopeless."

[Podesta] went over the five questions that women should never ask men.

Podesta then spoke about professional life. She said that the number one employee complaint that she hears from people is that they have to work all day when they are at work. She said the key is to find a job that is enjoyable 20 percent of the time and that is tolerable the other 80 percent of the time. She said, "The majority of any job you do is going to be work. That is why you get paid money."

During the period of the presentation when people were text-messaging questions in from all over the country, one person asked what people are supposed to do if they do not know which career interests them. Podesta said that after working for awhile, people eventually find what they were born to do. She said, "One day, it's all going to fit together."

"Not a human being in your life should ever yell at you."

Connie Podesta,
Author of *Life Would Be Easy If It Weren't For Other People*

Podesta defined a successful person as being the type of person that can still be loving and caring even if they do not get everything they want. She said, "Happiness is not a constitutional right." People have to work toward happiness.

With regard to the name of her speech and her book, she does not actually believe that other people make life worse. She believes that life would be boring without other people. However, when she was a therapist, no one came into therapy to talk about their own problems. Their problems always revolved around someone else or even a whole group of other people, sometimes. Hence, the title of this presentation was created.

OFF CAMPUS

Woman injured in Allentown crash

Two women, Judy Christoffers, 20, of Stoudsburg, and Yeosenia Rios, 19, of Allentown, were injured when their car crashed into a utility pole yesterday morning at 2:10 a.m. in Allentown.

The accident took place on Fenwick Street and Union Boulevard. Christoffers lost control when she was driving. The reason why she lost control is still unknown, but is being investigated. The women were transported to St. Luke's Hospital-Fountain Hill. Christoffers is in critical condition, but Rios was treated and released.

Rapist gets up to five years in prison

A rapist, Peter J. Kistler, who pleaded guilty to trying to get a nine-year-old in his car in July 2005, will receive two to five years in prison. He is classified as a sexually violent predator and must attend sex-offender counseling for the remainder of his life. The nine-year-old was playing outside waiting for class to start when Kistler asked her if she needed a ride.

Kistler had previously been in jail for 15 years for raping an Allentown woman and trying to rape another in 1988. When the husband found him, he was immediately arrested. He had broken into the woman's house, so he was also charged for burglary.

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SPIRIT WEEK

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shown on Wed. Oct. 11, in the Great Room in Seegers Union at 8:00 p.m. This corresponds with the week's "Haunted Homecoming" theme. Snacks and hot chocolate will be provided, and students are encouraged to bring their sleeping bags and pillows into the Great Room to watch the movie.

"Class Wars," a College tradition, will take place on Thurs., Oct. 12, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Student Council members will represent their classes in events like the Freshman/Sophomore Tug. Everyone is encouraged to come and watch, and dinner will be served. The location of this event has not been finalized.

Fri., Oct. 13, will be "Get Your 'Berg On" day. Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to display their school spirit by wearing their 'Berg gear. There will be a 10% discount at the bookstore that day on

all College clothing. Friday night is also the Pep Rally at 8:00 p.m. in Memorial Hall. The cheerleaders, MINT, Perkulators and Soul Sound Steppers will perform. Afterward, there will be a bonfire on the Library Lawn, around 9:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served and the football team is expected to speak on the outcome of the Homecoming game.

The administration will choose a fan with the most spirit and an award will be given at half-time. Most of the Homecoming events will take place on Sat., Oct. 14. The football team will play Ursinus at 1:00 p.m. and the

Men's Soccer team will play Dickinson at 7:00 p.m. Tailgating will start at 11:00 a.m. During the football game, there will be a "Biggest Fan" competition. The administration will choose a fan with the most spirit and an award will be given at half-time. The Homecoming dance will be in the Garden Room that night from 10:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. All students and their guests are encouraged to attend.

SPIRIT Week schedule of events

Athlete Auction
Seegers Union
October 9 @ 8:00 p.m.

Pep Rally
Memorial Hall
October 13 @ 8:00 p.m.

Powder-puff game
Scotty Wood Stadium
October 10 @ 8:30 p.m.

Tailgating
Scotty Wood Stadium
October 14 @ 11:00 a.m.

Movie: "The Shining"
Seegers Union
October 11 @ 8:00 p.m.

Football Game
Scotty Wood Stadium
October 14 @ 1:00 p.m.

"Class Wars"
Location TBA
October 12 @ 4:30 p.m.

Homecoming dance
Garden Room
October 14 @ 10:00 p.m.

Campus Safety Notes

Sept. 19 - Vehicle Violation - A vehicle in the parking lot of Center for the Arts was unregistered with five tickets. The owner was identified and the vehicle was booted.

Sept. 19 - Theft - A student reported that her backpack was taken from the library. Later, the backpack was found, and everything was there except for a calculator.

Sept. 19 - Sick Student - A student at 2241 Liberty Street reported that she was concerned about her roommate heavily drinking. The student was transported to the hospital.

Sept. 20 - Unlawful Entry - A student had an iPod stolen out of her room on the first floor of Prosser Hall when the door was left unlocked. There are no suspects at this time.

Sept. 20 - Theft - A theft of a bicycle was reported at Tremont Apartments. It was later found that all bikes were removed from Tremont Apartments for storage. The bike was returned to the owner.

Sept. 21 - Suspicious Activity - A student was found banging on the windows and yelling in the windows of the Delta Zeta

sorority house. The individual was identified and referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 21 - Theft - A mezuzah that was reported stolen earlier from a student in Prosser Hall was later found in the building.

Sept. 21 - Theft - A gray rug with an "M" on it for "Muhlenberg" was stolen out of the Garden Room. There are no suspects at this time.

Sept. 21 - Suspicious Activity - A car jack was found under an employee's vehicle on Liberty Street. It is unknown why the jack was there, and it was thrown away.

Sept. 21 - Social Code Violation - A beer pong table was found in the fourth floor lounge of Taylor Hall. The table was confiscated, and the matter was referred to the Dean's office.

Sept. 21 - Underage Alcohol - On the first floor of Benfer Hall, there was a party in a room where alcohol was found. Some of the individuals drinking inside were underage and were referred to the Dean's office.

Sept. 22 - Hazing - Alpha Epsilon Pi members were

seen exiting a silver Mazda and entering the fraternity house in the early morning hours on North 22nd Street. Their National Headquarters was advised of the matter. It is still under investigation.

Sept. 22 - Trashing/Excessive Clean - Up - Someone trashed the common room area on the first floor of Prosser Hall. There are no suspects at this time, but the whole first floor was fined by Residential Services.

Sept. 22 - Theft - Two garbage cans on the North side of the Life Sports Center were taken. They were each valued at \$145. There are no suspects at this time.

Sept. 22 - Suspicious Vehicle - Two males in a baby blue Mazda vehicle were looking at houses on Chew Street. The individual operating the vehicle did not have a driver's license and was not a student. He was cited for operating a vehicle without a driver's license.

Sept. 22 - Assault/Weapon - Students walking on North 26th Street were harassed and assaulted by two people in a dark green Acura. Both individuals were wearing hoodies and in their late

twenties. The driver was caucasian and the passenger's race is unknown. The occupants of the vehicle yelled out to the students, who continued walking. Then, they heard pops and shots being fired by the passenger and ran toward Walz Hall. One student was struck in the back with a BB pellet. The student had red marks on his/her back, but there was no broken skin and no medical attention was needed.

Sept. 23 - Noise Complaint - A neighbor called about students being loud in Tremont Apartments - Cedar. The Allentown Police Department (APD) was then called, and a student was cited for playing loud music.

Sept. 23 - Vandalism to Vehicle - A car parked by Tremont Apartment had its window broken. There is no further information or suspects at this time, but APD took a report.

Sept. 23 - Underage Alcohol - There was a party with alcohol on the third floor of Benfer Hall with a large number of underage individuals. The individuals were identified and referred to the Dean's office.

Sept. 23 - Injured Student - A student injured her wrist

on the first floor of Martin Luther Hall. The student refused treatment.

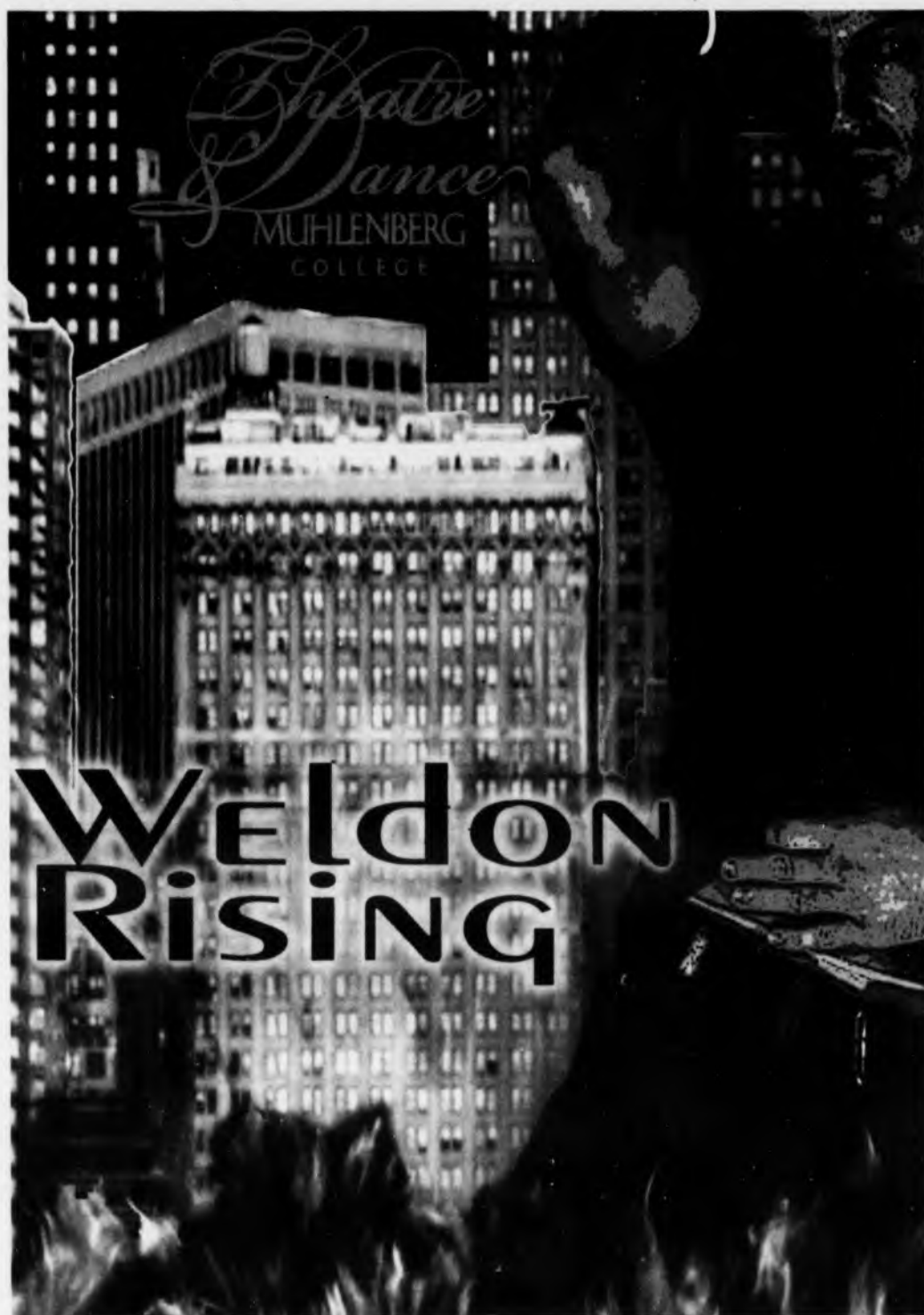
Sept. 23 - Underage Alcohol - A Resident Advisor called about students drinking in a room on the second floor of Walz Hall. The individuals were identified and referred to the Dean of Student's office.

Sept. 24 - Suspicious Person - Three male non-students were found walking together toward the East Quad after parking on Leh Street. The individuals claimed they were invited by a female student to a party, but they did not give her name. The individuals were advised not to come onto the campus again.

Sept. 24 - Theft - A shuttle driver reported that the shuttle parking sign in front of Seegers Union was stolen. There are no suspects at this time.

Sept. 25 - Institutional Vandalism - A hand railing was ripped off a wall on the south side of Walz Hall. There was also writing on the wall and trash everywhere.

Sept. 25 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to cooking on 415 Leh Street.



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Life!

"How we spend our days is, of course, how we spend our lives." - Annie Dillard

Latin Week sizzled in the kitchen

By Victoria Davis
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

It is a sad but well-known fact that most college students live off Ramen noodles and microwave popcorn, but on Monday night, students were able to branch out a bit, Latino style.

On Sept. 18, Latin Heritage week kicked off with Spanish cooking lessons in the Martin Luther Underground. This was not a typical night for those who attended. Juniors Damara Gonzalez and Stephanie Morffi whipped up several simple but extremely tasty dishes. They enlisted the help of the eager volunteers who were instructed to "peel it, cut it, fry it" depending on what food they were helping to prepare.

Featured snacks that night included hot, fried plantains and bean dip.

Plantains are a type of banana that has to be cooked. Usually they are fried or served with honey, and the bean dip was definitely not the typical kind out of a can. Both unique dishes seemed new to most of the students participating. Even if they have heard of them, there are not many students here who get to eat plantains on a regular basis.

One treat that stood out even more was the guava paste and cream cheese concoction served on crackers. It was a recipe so straightforward that even the most exhausted, stressed-out student could find time to prepare it. So it was a helpful recipe to learn.

Food was passed around the room while festive music played



Juniors help out at Latin Cooking Classes in the Martin Luther Underground last week for Latin Heritage Week.

PHOTO BY VICTORIA DAVIS

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Running with Scissors: A good idea

By Kate Hullfish
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Once in a while in a really good class, you're able to find a book that you enjoy reading and is entertaining. However, if you're like most students, the assigned class readings are not the most thrilling of books. If you're looking for a book to read in your spare time or just for the trip home, *Running with Scissors* by Augusten Burroughs is my recommendation.

It is a novel based on the events that took place in Burroughs' life up until his early teens. Early on in the novel, the reader learns that Burroughs comes from a broken home. Broken might not exactly be the right word for it, but since it gets a little more dysfunctional later on, dysfunctional seems appropriate. He has a distant older brother, no friends and admittedly acts a bit strange for his age and gender.

Early in the novel, future issues are foreshadowed. For example, in

secret he dresses in his mother's clothes, is compulsively clean to the point of polishing pennies repeatedly and is attracted to shiny things.

Unfortunately, life only becomes harder for Burroughs. At a young age, his parents divorce and his mother is in need of psychiatric help, which she finds in an eccentric doctor—Dr. Finch. Burroughs is forced to participate in his mother's therapy that he does not understand for long hours in a place that is strange and unfamiliar to him. The doctor's eccentric family, the Finches, also starts to get involved in the plot.

The remainder of the book is about the developing relationship between the Finches, Burroughs and his mother. The Finches, like their father, are extremely quirky and often brash. Their house is a mess with holes in the ceilings and at one point, the living room moves completely outside. The house is often in total chaos, not only because of the dilapidated condi-

tion but because of the patients that often move in.

Not only do Mrs. and Dr. Finch have several children of their own, but they also adopted several other patients as their own (they believe that a child is an adult at 13 and can choose the people that should be their parents, not to mention several other adult decisions involving school and sexuality). Dr. Finch also has mistresses (of which his wife knows about) and promotes a very open sexual idea to Burroughs and his mother that makes their life even more complicated.

Burroughs is reluctant at first to even set foot in their home, but eventually accepts them as his family, as dysfunctional as they may be. He ends up spending a majority of his childhood and teen years living with the Finches and sometimes with his mother when she and her partners are stable.

I think I really would have enjoyed this book if I hadn't been

having such a bad few weeks myself when I was reading it. It didn't help my week by voluntarily adding such a strange and sometimes miserable story to my life. However, when I take a step back, it does put a few things into perspective. I felt more open-minded after reading a story that I really couldn't but tried to relate to. It was hard to understand how difficult it must be to be in that type of situation. At the end, he writes a little of what his life is like now.

If you liked *Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim* by David Sedaris, you will most likely enjoy this book too, though to me, it took it a step further. Not quite as funny and a little more depressing, the humor is definitely in the details. I found I could relate more to the family dynamics in *Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim*, but as unreliable as Burroughs' story was

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Take advantage of senior talent

By Victoria Davis
WEEKLY LIFE! EDITOR

Muhlenberg's got talent. Some students dance, some paint and some, like Gillian Visco '07 and Scott Clausen '07, have the rare talent of writing songs and creating a sound that is all their own. Both Visco and Clausen are members of the Muhlenberg a capella group, The Dynamics, and have been working on solo acts on the side. On Saturday, Sept. 23, Visco and Clausen performed in The Red Door for fellow students. With only a guitar and a microphone, Visco and Clausen looked like seasoned pros as they casually took the stage.

Visco hit the stage first at 10:00 p.m., singing heartfelt originals and inspired covers. She admitted that one of her original pieces, "Love Song," is one of the only somewhat "happy" songs she has written, as the inspiration came from a wedding. But even though her performance was not full of feel-good tunes, it was amazing in its emotion-driven lyrics and originality.

She professed her love for the band the Flaming Lips and explained that they have recently served as her

muse. She did not mention many titles though, as she admitted to having trouble remembering every title to every song. She ended her performance with her original "Summer on Valley Road," and then turned the spotlight over to Clausen.

Clausen opened his performance a little differently than expected. He passed around a notebook, instructing the audience to jot down any thoughts, poetry, or basically anything that came to mind. Each audience member would write about three lines, and at the end, he would read them all together.

It certainly was an unusual way to begin his performance, but it allowed him to connect even more with his audience. Each person would look at the last line written, and add on, either going along with the previous theme or beginning a new one. Singers and songwriters put their hearts into their lyrics, and through the book, everyone could be a songwriter, recording their own poetic music to be read alongside the others.

Once the book started circulating, Clausen began showing off his impressive guitar skills with "The Physics of Music" and then contin-

ued on with "Sound Waves in Space," in which he utilized different microphone techniques for a unique sound. He mixed in covers as well, including a song by the band Bright Eyes. Clausen's lyrics, much like Visco's, were innovative and catchy, and the audience was able to relax, listen, and enjoy. The environment was cozy and intimate, and everyone in The Red Door seemed to be in a trance-like state and they lost themselves in the music.

While both performances were exceptional, they were not without their flaws. Lyrics were confused at times and harmonies required clarification in the middle of a duet; but even so, the environment was casual and mistakes could easily be overlooked.

The musicians carried on and delivered outstanding performances with an easy-going energy that captivated the audience. The singers were laid back and seemed so comfortable on stage that one might have thought that the entire audience was made up of their close family and friends. Students were leaning back, making themselves at home and enjoying the overall soothing and cool new sounds.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST PET PEEVE?



"I don't like it when people fidget during exams."
- Jen Wedgwood '10



"My pet peeve is arrogant people."
- Alex Corgan '08



"My biggest pet peeve is the police."
- Jenna Forte '09



"I hate it when my messy roommates don't clean the bathroom."
- Clinton Cox '07



"I just hate it when people don't pay attention to me!"
- Hogan, Seeing-Eye-Puppy In Training

Compiled by Kim Nguyen

AMC Weekend Listings



School for Scoundrels

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 9:40
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 9:40
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

The Black Dahlia

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:50
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 9:50
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Open Season

Fri. 4:50, 7:20, 9:30
Sat. 4:50, 7:20, 9:30
Sun. 2:00, 4:50, 7:20

Everyone's Hero

Fri. 1:30, 5:00
Sat. 12:30, 2:45, 5:00
Sun. 12:30, 2:45, 5:00

Gridiron Gang

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 10:00
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 10:00
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Invincible

Fri. 7:30, 10:10
Sat. 7:30, 10:10
Sun. 7:30, 10:10

The Guardian

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

Flyboys

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

Jackass Number Two

Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

Weldon Rising:

A challenging play challenges

By Brendon Votipka
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

The Muhlenberg Theatre Association (MTA) presents *Weldon Rising*, a play by Phyllis Nagy, to be performed in the Black Box, in Trexler Pavilion for Theatre & Dance from Oct. 12 - Oct. 15, 2006. Performances are Fri. at 8:00 p.m., Saturday at 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. and Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

In Phyllis Nagy's *Weldon Rising*, director Amanda Thompson '06 brings us a provocative and visceral look at the aftermath of a hate crime. Set in a neighborhood in New York's meat-packing district during the early 1990s, the play flows through time, place and memory as the lives of several characters are changed forever. An edgy, sexy, violent and unpredictable play, *Weldon Rising* grapples with apocalyptic themes through the fluid chronicle of a circle of gay characters estranged from each other and the rest of society.

As actor Zach Chiero '09 notes, the play "deals with heavy material and the violence may shock some audience members, especially because the play centers around a hate crime." While unsettling, the play is dynamically fast-moving and poetic.

The play not only speaks about violence towards gay men and our collective stereotypes about homosexual individuals, but as Thompson articulates, "The play addresses the issue of apathy, how we respond to injustices we witness. I know a lot of people on this campus feel that apathy is an issue at the college; they will appreciate the message this play sends about the dangers of apathy." This MTA production is also timely as the campus's Center for Ethics kicks off its year long focus on "Freedom Matters." Fear is the major obstacle to freedom in the play as "the characters are debilitated and trapped by their own feelings of fear and guilt... In order to truly be free we must let go of these feelings," explains Thompson.

Playwright Phyllis Nagy was born in New York in 1962 and has become a distinctive figure in contemporary British theater, often as a resident at the Royal Court. Recent work in the U.S. includes the HBO film, *Mrs. Harris*. Nagy attended New York University and studied musical composition, theory and poetry, receiving her B.F.A. in 1986.

Phyllis Nagy's plays are characterized by their boldly determined characters and strong narrative plots. She writes very human characters that are compelling to audiences despite their foreign lifestyles. As *Weldon Rising* flows through action, the audience is kept on edge as gripping violence repeats itself and people reconsider where they've come from and where they're going.

Natty Weldon (Benjamin Shaw '06) is an aging closeted sales clerk who lives a simple and secluded life with his lover Jimmy (Zach Chiero '09.) As Natty humorously admits in the play, he is "not good-looking enough to have gay friends."

His beautiful, long-term lover Jimmy is stabbed in an ally by a homicidal boy (Brian Byus '07), and Natty runs away in terror. The witnesses, Tilly (Christa Wroblewski '09) and Jaye (Meaghan Witri '07), a lesbian couple, watch from their apartment window above while a loud transvestite prostitute, Marcel (Kennedy Kanagawa '08), lingers in the street below. No one intervenes. In the weeks following the murder, the days grow so hot that the rivers dry up and the bridges melt. Confronting the realities and fantasies of these characters with both aggression and wonder, the playwright ultimately challenges the survivors to ascend to a better world.

A play of this thematic depth and unstable style is quite an undertaking for a student director, but as Thompson admits, "the most important thing I've learned about being an artist through this process is that art doesn't always happen at your leisure."

An edgy, sexy, violent and unpredictable play, "Weldon Rising" grapples with apocalyptic themes through the fluid chronicle of a circle of gay characters estranged from each other and the rest of society.

The cast, crew and designers have had only seven weeks to mount this production. Thompson has been thrilled with the process: "Sometimes the decisions that come out of this kind of high pressure situation turn out to cause beautiful things that you weren't even expecting." Audiences should expect to see a forceful and engrossing production that will stir the senses and emotions.

In addition to stage-managing several MTA studio productions, Amanda Thompson directed the studio production *One For The Road* last spring, as well as assistant directed Muhlenberg Summer Music Theater's *Carousel*. Benjamin Shaw returns to the MTA stage having previously appeared in several productions over the past three years, most recently *Pillow of Kantan*. Zach Chiero appeared last year in *New Voices* and *Big Love* and this summer in *Carousel* and *Miss Nelson has a Field Day*. Brian Byus, member of "Fun with Eggs" has appeared in *Summerfolk*, *Scenes from an Execution* and *Spring Offensive*. Kennedy Kanagawa has performed in SMT's *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*, *Candide* and *George M!*

Kanagawa will also be recognized from his roles as the Emcee in last Fall's musical *Cabaret*. Meaghan Witri has appeared in *Big Love*, *Summerfolk*, and *Measure for Measure*. Christa Wroblewski appeared in last year's MTA productions of *New Voices* and *The Pillow of Kantan*. Costumes for the production are designed by student artist Megan Prima '07.

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Recipe of the Week

Basil Pasta and Mozzarella
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Cherry tomatoes
Basil leaves

Boil water and cook pasta enough for people eating. Cook to taste. While cooking chop cherry tomatoes in half or in fourths. Wash basil leaves. Drain pasta and add olive oil. Mix. Then add basil and tomatoes. Add Mozzarella a little while before serving, enough for it to melt. Enjoy!

By: Erin McGroarty



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Timberlake brings more than just sexy back on his new album

By Sara Horowitz
WEEKLY NEWS EDITOR

At the end of the summer, Justin Timberlake released his first single "Sexy Back," from his sophomore album, "FutureSex/LoveSounds."

Although Timberlake's vocals are not all that strong, some believing he sounds like a girl, the beat is catchy and happens to be a great club song. The rest of the album sounds quite different than his dance-flavored first single. It is obvious that he tried to take a different direction than that of his first album, leaving behind the polished beats and the Pharell-produced tracks. For this album, he pretty much sticks with Timbaland, who co-wrote and co-produced most of the tracks along with Timberlake.

Timberlake also teams up with Will.I.Am on the repetitive "Damn Girl" and then with Three 6 Mafia on "Chop Me Up," an unlikely, but surprisingly energetic, southern-sounding collaboration.

Almost every song on the album has sexually explicit lyrics like the song "FutureSex/LoveSounds"

when he sings, "She's hopped up for me/I've got her in my zone /Her body's pressed up on me /I think she's ready to blow." These promiscuous lyrics would explain the album's title and the majority of the song themes.

However, "Losing My Way" takes a different approach and lyrically tells a poignant story behind a choir-like harmony. He slows it down for "Until the End of Time" and "(Another Song) All Over Again" which leaves more to be desired. With "SexyLadies" and "Summer Love" he finds his true sound and showcases his unique vocal abilities, taking a cue from his hit "Cry Me A River."

Timberlake echoes this same theme in a more mature version, "What Goes Around/Comes Around." It has the same Timbaland-style beats and anti-Britney lyrical style.

Timberlake also duets with rapper T.I. on "My Love", his second single. Although it definitely won't have the same radio success as "Sexy Back," it does have a more urban sound, which may help its radio play on

different station genres.

The most distinctive qualities of the album are all the Preludes and Interludes included before or after a track, which create a continuous storyline between all of the songs. This unique aspect generates an album that not only has an uninterrupted flow of narration, but also a changing but flowing melody.

Timberlake has without question left his Mouseketeer and N-syn days far behind him. Even his first album, "Justified," showed a clean break from the boy band mold. Not to mention that the song "FutureSex/LoveSounds" proves to be much more mature.

Timberlake has proved he can create great, unique music, but one had to question if it is truly his own when listening to the cd. He mentions that his inspirations are Prince, Michael Jackson and Marvin Gaye, which is obvious in listening to his album as he channels each of them in various songs.

Timberlake's next challenge will be to find his own sound that other artists will strive to imitate.

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for me, I thought the details he included about his childhood were hilarious. It really created great visuals for the reader.

Even though reading this book made a few bad days even worse for me, I'd really recommend it, especially now that it is going to be a movie. You know the saying that a book is better than a movie, and consider-

ing the cast for the film, you can't doubt the quality of the book. With the likes of Annette Bening, Gwyneth Paltrow, Alec Baldwin and Kristen Chenoweth as a few of the main characters, the movie looks to be interesting and extremely controversial. If you pick one book to read during this break, read *Running with Scissors*; it opens you up to an unusual life and you won't be disappointed.

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in the background. Students made frequent trips behind the counter to grab some food, then hopped onto tables or just moseyed around the room. The music wasn't so loud that students couldn't chat and most of the comments that evening had to do with how amazing the food was and the pure genius of the recipes.

The event was well-planned and enjoyable. It was quite a way to start off that week, which was sponsored by Comunidad Latina, MAC and

Life. Comunidad Latino's main objective is to promote an understanding of Latino heritage and culture. The week included the movie "The Motorcycle Diaries", a speaker, Julio Guridy, a poet, Carlos Andres Gomez and a dance in the Garden Room. Each activity was designed to teach students about the history, traditions or customs of Latin America.

Hopefully, every student went to at least once during the week and got a chance to learn, experience and get a taste of something different.

Correction.

In last week's article on the band Navar the opening act was called Matt Rosazza & Co. not Max and Co.

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2006 MLB Playoff predictions

By Frank Citera
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The Major League Baseball season is winding down, but there are still some question marks as to who will be the eight playoff teams. While only the New York Yankees and New York Mets have clinched their divisions, and the Detroit Tigers and Minnesota Twins have guaranteed themselves playoff spots, and with the Oakland Athletics a mere two games from clinching the American League (AL) West, the races in the National League (NL) are still wide open.

As of Tuesday, the St. Louis Cardinals hold a 2.5 game lead over the Houston Astros in the National League Central. If you remember what happened last year, with Houston's late season and playoff surge, anything is possible in that division. Especially with future hall of Famer Roger Clemens on the mound. In the NL West, the San Diego Padres hold a two game lead over the Los Angeles Dodgers. With the way those two teams have been playing, anything is possible.

Even more intriguing is the Wild Card race. As of now, the Dodgers and the Philadelphia Phillies are both tied for the lead, each team with only seven games left to play. This is where baseball may become a bit controversial. Is it fair to

have teams like the Dodgers and Phillies, both with records of 82-74, who have played their hearts out all season, not make the playoffs while the St. Louis Cardinals may with their record of 80-76 because they are "winning their division"?

Here are my predictions for the American League. The Yankees will have the best record and wind up edging the Minnesota Twins in a series that will go the distance of five games. I say this only because Santana is the only pitcher in the playoffs that will be able to shut down the Yankee offense. The A's will wind up surprising everyone by pulling out a win against the Tigers by riding their two aces of Barry Zito and Rich Harden. The A's will then lose to the Yankees in six games in the American League Championship Series.

In National League, I think Houston will take the division from St. Louis, and they will lose to the Mets in the opening round of the playoffs. The Phillies will win the wildcard and beat San Diego, who will win the NL West, in four games. The Phillies will meet the Mets in the National League Championship Series and lose in six games. As far as the World Series will go this year, it will be every New Yorker's dream... Yankees vs. Mets. Yankees in six.

Are the referees really to blame?

By Zack Gugenheim
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Every game has the same rules, same time and same objective. You have 60 minutes to score more points than your opponent. So why is it that with many outcomes, the men who try to regulate the game are often blamed? Last week was a perfect example, when Oklahoma lost to Oregon in the waning seconds. Many, including Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops, said that it was the fault of the officials, who say that it was a bad pass interference call and a bad ruling on an onside kick that led to the 34-33 outcome. Rewind to last October, when Penn State went through the same thing when Michigan Coach Lloyd Carr petitioned the referees to add two seconds to the clock. The refs agreed, and Michigan won on a last second touchdown to ruin Penn State's undefeated season. Go back to January 2003, where a "phantom" pass interference call led to Ohio State winning the National Championship over Miami. What is my point in bringing up all of these events? One, is that referees are going to make mistakes. They are human, just like we are, and although it doesn't excuse them to make mistakes any more than the rest of us, they are going to anyway, whether we like it or not. My second point is that great teams win regardless of referees' bad calls. Oklahoma, Penn State, and Miami all had a chance to stop these teams from winning the game, even after the bad calls. In this recent addition of "blame the referee," Oklahoma allowed 14 points to be scored in under two minutes. Bad calls or not, that is pathetic, and so is allowing 530 yards to your opponent and expecting to win. The coaches have the audacity to label the Oregon victory with an asterisk because of "bad officiating." Sorry, but Oklahoma deserved to lose after that performance. So did Penn State, so did Miami, and so did many other teams who have lost by way of "controversy."

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Buckeyes vs. Hawkeyes to headline trio of must-see games of the week

By Zack Gugenheim
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

This week, there are three games that you definitely do not want to miss, as they should be fantastic matchups which could help begin to clear up the BCS picture.

#1 Ohio State (4-0) vs. #14 Iowa (4-0)

For the second time this month, Ohio State plays a big-time opponent, on the road, at night. Since 2002, the Bucks are only 2-3 in these match-ups, although their last victory was just three weeks ago at #7 Texas. The Buckeyes looked very average offensively against Penn State this past weekend, in part to the weather, and even more in part to how good the Penn State defense is. Iowa's defense could be as effective, if they can get pressure on quarterback Troy Smith with their defensive line. If not, it could be a long night for their young back seven. Defensively, the Buckeyes face the best quarterback they have seen all season in gunslinger Drew Tate. Although a bit undersized (6-0, 192 lbs.), this guy is a playmaker, and has a lot of heart. The young Buckeye Defense will have a tough time containing him, as he is also pretty quick, and will have to guard against him running as well. He is a three year starter, and will be the first quarterback that can legitimately expose a young, but improving, secondary. Expect both teams

to come out fired up, and a close game. In the end, I think Ohio State just has too much talent at the running back and wide receiver positions, and will win a close game in the fourth quarter.

Prediction: Ohio State 28, Iowa 24

#24 Georgia Tech (3-1) vs. #11 Virginia Tech (4-0)

On paper, Virginia Tech looks fantastic. The Hokies have shutout two opponents, and allowed only 23 points total in their four games this year to start the season undefeated. Of course, these opponents are a combined 3-12 (that's also including I-AA foe Northeastern), so call me unimpressed. However, I have been very impressed with Georgia Tech, especially with All-World receiver Calvin Johnson. In four games he has 19 catches for 311 yards, and five touchdowns. He is the best player the Hokies will have to lock-down all season. What makes matters worse, is that they also have to worry about quarterback Reggie Ball's athletic ability to make plays. Defensively, Georgia Tech has also done well for themselves. They held the mighty Notre Dame offense to 14 points, and defensive coordinator Chan Gailey is one of the best assistant coaches in the country. If Georgia Tech wants to win, they must contain the running game, featuring running back Brandon Ore (399 yards, 6 TD's). I think they do just

that, and Georgia Tech provides a huge upset to propel them into the ACC title race.

Prediction: Georgia Tech 21, Virginia Tech 13

Purdue (4-0) vs. #12 Notre Dame (3-1)

First off, let me just say that Notre Dame DID NOT WIN last week... Michigan State gave them the game with their awful play in the fourth quarter. That being said, this is going to be another difficult game for the Irish, as Purdue is another Big Ten team that packs a powerful offense. Purdue quarterback Curtis Painter is developing into a fine quarterback, as he has thrown for 1140 yards and eight TD's, and the running attack features two fine backs in Kory Sheets and Jaycen Taylor. If Purdue wants to win this game, they must win in a shootout, and they have the weapons to accomplish this. However, their defense has had a lot of problems in both the run and the pass, and if they don't tighten up by this Saturday, it could spell disaster for them. Quarterback Brady Quinn is trying to show why he should still be in the Heisman race, and has two NFL-quality receivers in Jeff Samardzija and Rhema McKnight, and a good running back in Darius Walker to help him pad his stats. Although Purdue has the weaknesses, I still think they have a shot to knock them off, but I think ND Head Coach

Charlie Weis has them playing inspired football this week, and should outscore them.

Prediction: Notre Dame 45, Purdue 31

Top Ten Teams of the Week

Auburn (1 last week) - This team still continues to impress me, and I think they have the talent to go undefeated, even in the SEC.

Ohio State (2) - They stumbled a bit against a tough Penn State team... but Troy Smith still found a way to shine for a moment with his athleticism.

Michigan (4) - Mario Manningham has put on a show for the past two weeks, catching five touchdown passes.

Florida (5) - Struggled for a while against SEC bottom feeder Kentucky, but Chris Leak still found ways to show why he is one of the best quarterbacks in the country.

USC (3) - Last week I

said no one would contend with them in the Pac-10... that was a lie, considering lowly Arizona gave them trouble last week.

Texas (7) - Colt McCoy is finally starting to settle in as the starting quarterback... we will see how he handles it with Oklahoma knocking on the door next week.

West Virginia (6) - Running back Steve Slaton finally found a challenge... against East Carolina???

Louisville (8) - Showing the meaning of depth by winning with two Heisman-hopefuls sitting on the bench.

LSU (9) - They better not look ahead to Florida next week... they have to play an improving Mississippi State team this week.

Oregon (NR) - Enough about the refs giving them a victory last week, they still put up 530 yards against a pretty good defense.

5 Heisman hopefuls

1. Adrian Peterson (RB, Oklahoma)
2. Chris Leak (QB, Florida)
3. Troy Smith (QB, Ohio State)
4. Steve Slaton (RB, West Virginia)
5. Garrett Wolfe (RB, Northern Illinois)

Just missed the cut: Brady Quinn (QB, Notre Dame) Mario Manningham (WR, Michigan), Ted Ginn Jr. (WR, Ohio State)

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Mule Profile: Andrea Dello Russo exhibits "drive and determination"

By Alex Mangini & Ruwani Ganepola
ASST. SPORTS EDITORS

Andrea Dello Russo '07, Co-captain of the Women's Soccer team, is originally from Bernardsville, NJ. Following in the footsteps of her older sister, Andrea began playing soccer in the second grade. This season, she primarily plays center midfield and has also played other midfield and forward positions in the past.

Over these past three years, she believes "the team has been placed in many trying situations, and as a result, my mental toughness in games and during practice has definitely improved." Hard matches have caused her and her teammates to "dig deep within [themselves] to push through a variety of different hurdles." She reveals, "Tactically, I have learned different playing styles and positions for strategic purposes to win games. Though my hardnosed style of play seems to proceed me, I have matured as a player and have become more comfortable in playing."

As a captain, Dello Russo not only leads her teammates, but motivates them as well. Teammate Becky Guiditta '07 says, "Andrea is one of the hardest working people on our team, and she does a great job of getting everyone fired up before practice or during game." Guiditta happily remembers the times when Dello Russo went out of her way to bake the team cupcakes. Dello

Russo takes her role as captain very seriously and believes that "you need to bring a certain level of intensity and excitement that will make your teammates want to play hard and make practices effective. It is important to set the pace and keep the team working hard. It is also important to be a friend in whom your

voicing my opinion though constructive criticism and making decisive choices for the better of the team," she reveals. She goes on to admit, "I'm no longer timid in challenging or pushing my teammates to play their best and to take control when needed." Co-captain Kristen Cioeta '07 believes Dello Russo's strong

Conference tournament. She states, "An important accomplishment that we have achieved thus far in the season is proving that we have the fight in us to come from a deficit and win games. Such determination and mental focus to win and not to give up is something that will carry us far this season." She also credits

On top of her busy athletic schedule, Dello Russo is a Neuroscience major and an art minor. She is also a member of the Delta Zeta sorority, MAC, Habitat for Humanity and the recently established CCFA (Fitness and Athletics committee). When asked about time management she replies, "I find that I have established a good balance between my work load and athletics. I like the structure and schedule in which playing a sport provides. It forces you to stay on top of your work and be well organized and time efficient." Cioeta agrees that "even though she has a lot going on in the classroom and on campus, she always manages to put it all behind her when she plays." After graduating, she plans on continuing her education in the sciences at graduate or medical school. This summer her high school soccer coach invited her to play in a women's league in Hoboken, NJ. She plans on making a few trips out there because she believes it will be very difficult to stop playing soccer.

There is no argument that this team is very fortunate to have such a dedicated and motivating captain leading them this season. She has a strong focus on not only her athletics, but her academics and her commitments to activities on campus as well. Guiditta phrases it best when she says, "Andrea is a great person to look up to, not just for underclassman but for everyone."



Co-captain Andrea Dello Russo '07 leads the way to victory.

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teammates feel comfortable turning to during hard times and to keep a sensor out for girls that might just need a little encouragement. Often players will turn to you for advice, which is a really good feeling that at times can be challenging."

Her role as a captain has enhanced her leadership skills. "I have become a more confident person in

personality can be witnessed at every game. "You'd be sure to see her drive and determination from the moment she steps on the field until the moment she steps off and she truly leads by example."

This season for Women's Soccer seems to be a promising one and Dello Russo is optimistic about the team's success in the upcoming

the underclassmen with the team's success because "with the volume of incoming talent this year our team has a definite advantage over other teams and has depth that we didn't have last year." The team's goal for this season is to be ranked in the top three going into the Conference and coming out of the tournament on top.

Daniella Goodarz '09 attempts to evade a tackle in the Women's Rugby blow-out against Lehigh.



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Above and right: Sophomore Billy Dalton begins the Mules comeback against the Shoremen.



Men's soccer 18-0-2 against the Shoremen

By Justin Gerstley
SPORTS EDITOR

For the first time since 1999, the Muhlenberg Men's Soccer team was down against the Washington Shoremen. The Men's Mules team record is now 4-1-1, with a conference record of 1 and 1. This was the men's first Centennial Conference win of the season. The Mules overall record against the Shoremen continues to be undefeated at 18-0-2. Although the Mules have

an incredible record against Washington, the last five games have only been decided by a single goal.

The Shoremen (4-2, 1-1) struck first against the Mules by knocking in a loose ball, near the goal, to take the lead with 21:35 showing on the clock. Right after the goal, sophomore Billy Dalton fired back by heading in a corner kick from senior Alex Gildner. Dalton has three goals on the season, and this was his second game-tying

goal in back-to-back games.

The winning goal came with 20:42 remaining on the clock. Freshman Mike Gehrmann sent in a cross from outside the box, centering the ball, then Adison Weseloh '10 kicked the final goal.

Muhlenberg finished with an 8-2 shot on goal advantage over Washington for the second half. This was the Mules only regular season game against the Shoremen.



Sophomore Steve Tenezapf helps the mens soccer team win against Washington's Shoremen. The Mules are 18-0-2 all-time against the Washington Shoremen.

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Spirit Week begins with two events

By Dan Orlow
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

This week at the College has been designated "SPIRIT Week," in anticipation of the upcoming Homecoming Weekend, in which alumni will come back to visit the school. SPIRIT Week was first brought up at a Student Council meeting that took place over the summer. The idea was the result of the combined efforts of Student Council, Alumni Relations and the Cardinal Key Society. Heading up this week's events is Katie Bemis '09, member of Student Council. The idea was to bring back the tradition to

campus after 15 years and use it to allow students to engage more with Homecoming Weekend, since the weekend usually has nothing to directly offer current students. It was decided that SPIRIT Week would be a good way to get the school geared up with College pride to prepare for Homecoming.

The SPIRIT Week Committee planned one event for every night of the week. On Monday, an Athlete Auction took place in which athletes from the school were auctioned off to raise money. This event was planned and coordinated primarily by Matthew

Sones '08. He said, "The Athlete Auction was a big success. There was a great turn out and both the athletes and audience had fun with it. This will definitely be something to look forward to in the future."

Tuesday night was Powder-puff, an event in which over 100 girls signed up to play each other in a football game. Last night, a viewing of *The Shining* was shown in the Great Hall at 8:00 p.m. Thursday night, tonight, has been set aside for an event called class wars as well as dinner out-

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Rabbi speaks with students about world-wide social justice issues

By Eric Feld
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

On Wed., Sep. 27, Rabbi David Saperstein, Director of the Religious Action Center (RAC) in Washington, D.C., met with five students and Dr. Judy Ridner, Director of the Center for Ethics, in a special question and answer session. Saperstein and the students discussed the role of the RAC and its position on top news issues of the day.

RAC, a powerful legislative outreach in Washington, D.C., has addressed the political and social concerns

of Reform Judaism since the 60s when it played an integral role in enacting civil rights legislation. The group, which is committed to achieving social justice, is one of 30 such religious organizations to field lobbyists in Congress.

Students fired social justice related questions at Saperstein concerning the RAC's response to everything from global warming to genocide in Darfur. The rabbi, who was on campus to later address the Center for Ethics on freedom, religion and the future of America, explained the RAC's influence on such situations as a multi-issue lobby.

"As a multi-issue lobby," Saperstein noted, "we can focus on many issues instead of just one. We can react to what is happening in the world such as the situation in Darfur, the

aftermath of the Lebanon War and (fighting) the Comprehensive Immigration Bill."

Supporting public policy is vital to the vibrancy and survival of the Jewish community, according to Saperstein. While about 15% of Reform Jewish Americans express their faith primarily through worship and 20% through Jewish study, nearly 50% cite a commitment to

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contemporary issues as their choice expression of Judaism. It is no surprise that the RAC has generated a lot of support in its campaigns to

return American troops from Iraq, alleviate the violence in Darfur and now combat global warming.

"Global warming will be our number one issue this year," Saperstein declared. "Our campaign will begin at Chanukah when we are hoping to sell everyone a CFL (compact fluorescent light bulb). National youth movements and Reform camps are making it a priority. We will be greening congregations."

Saperstein and the RAC continue to actively spearhead social action campaigns on a national and global scale; however, public education efforts such as the rabbi's visit to the College are imperative to success. "Logic does not derive political realities," Saperstein advised. "It must match an intuitive understanding of issues."



Two male athletes square off for a date at the Athlete Auction.

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Having pride in past traditions

Hooray for college traditions and all the sentimentality that usually accompanies old-school cheerleaders cart-wheeling around bonfires and strapping young men strutting across campus in their College sweaters. Animal House pops into mind when one thinks about college life, customs and a frat that knew how to party, which in itself is definitely one of many cherished practices that somehow got lost in the woodwork. On campus, the infamous 'Berg beanie, that every Student Advisor loves to hate, has ceased to appear on student noggins. The Alma Mater, which should be the main source of pride for every devoted collegian, is sung about four times during Freshmen Orientation and then forgotten. And do we even have a fight song?

You won't see the administration bring back banned fraternities, the 'Berg regain its once notorious title as one of the top ten party schools in the nation or permit pictures of kegs in the yearbook. The beanies are still stored in attics and the Alma Mater is left to the Haas Bell Tower. Yet, the school is attempting to bring back traditionalism in another way, by implementing SPIRIT Week, seven days of squeaky-clean school enthusiasm--no liquor or kegs included.

More importantly, the school is trying to bring back the old-school spirit in a brand new way. Yet, perhaps the planners of this weeklong fiesta have overlooked the ultimate goal that all of these activities should be encouraging: spirit of course, but more so, pride. Ten years from now we will want to gather with our college friends in a pub somewhere and reminiscence about our times at Muhlenberg. We'll want to sing a drunken yet heartfelt rendition of the Alma Mater and cry into our beer mugs. But will we know the words, or only the tune that the speaker chimes out at noon everyday?

Hopefully, SPIRIT Week will inspire students to take a deeper look at the College and see that it is not only four years of academic study, occasional sleep and frequent partying. It is a place where we have learned from bad decisions, achieved self-realization and a few facts a long the way and god willing, grown into an adult. Next time Haas tolls, don't just acknowledge it as a nuisance that is interrupting your conversation, look around your college and smile, knowing that these years are years well spent.

Critical reading is fundamental

By Matthew O'Donnell
WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

This is a response to the op-ed, "Stop and think before making sexual advances," from the Sept. 14 issue which was itself a response to a previous op-ed written by me entitled, "Thank God for posters" from the Sept. 21 issue. For those of you who can read critically and focus on the main argument of a work, "Thank God for posters" had a simple message: posters whose sole contribution to rape prevention is a trite message of "rape is wrong" are a useless waste of resources. Evidently, I underestimated the fervent zealotry that these posters inspire. Please remember, these posters do not contain tips on how to deal with rape, or the proper actions following a

rape. No, they simply tell us that "rape is wrong." It has inspired me to launch a new line of posters that are aimed specifically at Darfur. The poster will consist of the word "genocide" placed over a gigantic frowny face. According to the logic of the poster zealots, I should begin preparing my acceptance speech for the Nobel Peace Prize.

Miss M's response to my op-ed began by questioning my knowledge on facts about rape. I have re-read my op-ed numerous times, and have not found a factual mistake. I have also re-read Miss M's op-ed numerous times and found only two statements of fact relevant to the argument. Fact #1: "a majority of victims are raped by someone they

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

What an amazing day! On Saturday, six Muhlenberg groups and several individuals participated in the 2006 5K Step Out against domestic violence, a fundraiser for Turning Point of the Lehigh Valley.

Groups included: Alpha Chi Omega, APO, SHARE, the Muhlenberg College Gusto (a gender concerns group) and Women's Lacrosse and Field Hockey. Two first-year students walked over six miles: three miles to the site and the three-mile course. The Gusto group raised \$1,203, earning third place in the amount of money raised for Turning Point. Several Muhlenberg runners won prizes in their age categories.

As a member of the Muhlenberg community and Vice President of the Board of Directors of Turning Point, I want to thank all who supported this event. Funds will support the 24-hour helpline, shelters, court advocacy, medical training and educational outreach. The Muhlenberg College ethos of service is impressive.

Carol Shiner Wilson, Ph.D. Dean of the College for Academic Life

To the Editor:

I would like to thank a special group of students for opening their hearts and giving their time to help me raise and train a Seeing Eye puppy named Hogan. Hogan is a golden retriever who has been attending Muhlenberg since Fall 2005. He is now 18 months old and ready to return to the Seeing Eye in Morristown, NJ, where he will begin his formal training to become a guide dog. Kim Nguyen '07, Philip Sels '08, Laura Clinton '08, Kathryn Niedzwiecki '09, Becca Bednar '09 and Erin Herman '09 have all given generously of their time and patience to help me socialize and train Hogan.

Hogan came to me from the Seeing Eye at eight weeks. My job as a puppy raiser is to teach him basic obedience and give him plenty of exposure and opportunities to socialize. Hogan did especially well in the latter category here on campus. He now sits down to be petted by anyone who reaches out a hand! My student helpers were invaluable to me, because instead of lying in my office when I wasn't in class, Hogan got to go everywhere on campus with them--talk about exposure! I've been here 21 years, and Hogan knows far more people than I do on this campus. The students above took him regularly to their campus jobs, their classes, on walks, to the library, the GQ...you name it. They learned all The Seeing Eye rules and followed them (no "people" food, no getting on furniture, no chasing squirrels, cleaning up after he "parks," working on not jumping up on people when greeting them, walking him on the left side and many more things that you have to keep in mind when training a dog who will eventually work in harness out in public). As a result, Hogan is returning to the Seeing Eye a much more confident dog than he would have been without their help. Hogan will now begin a five-month training program with a professional guide-dog instructor.

I appreciate the spirit of volunteerism these students have displayed despite their busy schedules. I couldn't have raised Hogan without them, and I thank the entire Muhlenberg community for allowing Hogan on campus. If you'd like to learn more about the program, visit the Seeing Eye web site www.seeingeye.org and click on the "Puppy Raisers" section.

Kathy Wixon, Professor of French

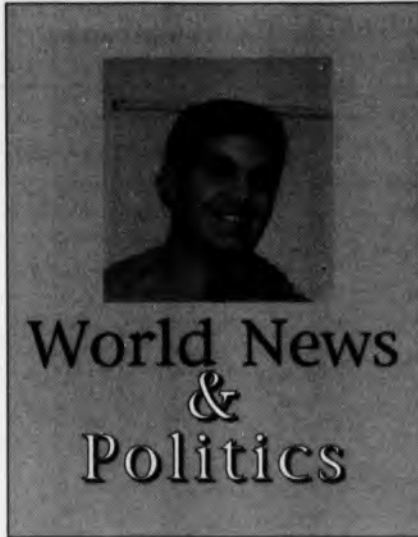
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Two new documents raise more questions



Joe Caporoso
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

Iraq was the wrong place to start the war on terror. Look at the situation that has transpired in the Middle East over the last few years. We invade Iraq. They have no weapons of mass destruction, no ties to September 11th and prove to be an unstable nation that is closer to warring with itself than to causing harm to us. Meanwhile, Iran and Syria continue to fund terrorist groups with intentions to harm America and its allies. Osama Bin Laden is still alive, and the country he was operating out of when he attacked us,

A few weeks ago, the National Intelligence Estimate released a report stating that our war with Iraq is spreading terrorism, not limiting it. The report is a consensus of sixteen different spy services inside our government. Obviously, this makes the last few years of fighting in Iraq look counterproductive. As the report details, the war is leading to higher recruiting rates for terrorists, more cells trying to duplicate al-Queda and a general spread of "self-generating" terrorist groups.

If this report does one thing, regardless of how any Republican tries to spin it, it confirms the beliefs of those who thought that

Painting an unrealistic picture of our war is unfair to our citizens, who then don't get a chance to get a real understanding of what is going on.

Afghanistan, has almost fallen to its pre-9/11 state of being a haven for terrorists.

Radical Muslims use a seemingly misguided attack on Iraq to rally as many troops as possible to join terrorist cells. They use images of the torture at Abu Ghraib prison camps as propaganda to further their cause. Meanwhile, American troops are still dying daily on the soil of Iraq, as Iraq slips closer to civil war. If what this document says is true, than the longer we are in Iraq, the more we are spreading terrorism.

Meanwhile, in a different form of writing that concerns the same topic; famed *Washington Post* journalist, Bob Woodward, has released a new book on the war titled, *State of Denial*. The book displays a chaotic White House split over the goals of the Iraq War. It also shows a President, unwilling to accept the truth about the ongoing deterioration of Iraq. Woodward writes, "There was a vast difference between what the White House and Pentagon knew about the situation in Iraq and what they were saying publicly."

Thus, all the upbeat speeches President Bush has been giving about progress in Iraq have been fabricated. Painting an unrealistic picture of our war is unfair to our citizens, who then don't get a chance to gain a real understanding of what is going on. Yet, one must wonder if President Bush is lying to himself, as much as he has been lying to the rest of us.

As usual, all the top officials in this administration are disputing the contents of documents that don't portray their war in a nice way. However, it's hard to believe that everything these reports say is not true. On the other hand, it would be much easier to believe that everything this administration denies is true.

Shhh!!!!

Studying anyone?

By Andrew Smith
WEEKLY BUSINESS MANAGER

Lately, I have been doing everything possible to actually avoid the library. Why is this? At night, the Trexler Library has become quite the sociable mecca to "hang out," talk with friends and share stories as loudly as possible via cell phone. In fact, a few days ago, I actually overheard a real fight among a couple three rows ahead of me on Level B (and quite an entertaining one, I might add!). And, if you stay long enough at the library, you may be able to hear some great conversations regarding sports updates, various romantic "endeavors," fraternity/sorority pledging updates, last night's drama and much more! Frankly, I am wondering about what has happened to the students that actually want to study on this campus.

I think there are many people who are annoyed by the current noise level present in the library and are afraid to voice their opinions on this matter. I think it is inherent that measures should be taken to reduce the meaningless banter that is preventing students from being able to

properly study. Many of these students live in already loud dormitories throughout campus, which do not serve as environments conducive to appropriate study. Thus, many peers are forced to go to the library in search of a quiet place that will allow them to get their work done. However, the library is no longer serving this purpose on campus. Especially at night, the noise is outrageous; no one can possibly get their work done (unless they have earplugs readily available).

Now, a few questions may arise regarding various "noise situations" in the library (and possible solutions to these problems will follow): "What if I want to work on a group project, and I need the Internet and/or other reference materials?" I would recommend that you either work in a computer lab or on Level A in order to keep the lower levels quiet. You do not need to work at the large tables on the Levels B and C. Please respect those students who need a quieter environment to study. "What if my cell phone rings in the middle of the library, and I need to answer it?" Here, I would advise

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you to answer the phone outside of the library (so you don't disturb everyone around you), or simply call the person back at your own convenience. Please do not answer the phone so that everyone can hear your conversation. Lastly, "what if I see my friend in the library, and I want to talk with him/her?" This question probably serves as the most challenging problem facing the student body. Whispering might serve as a potential solution to this issue. In many cases, "indoor voices" can serve as a vital tool in order to cut back on loud conversations. Additionally, keeping discussions to a minimum might also be beneficial.

If these simple strategies are followed, the noise level may be decreased in the library. I would also recommend that you find a librarian on staff and report any "loud-talkers" to them. I suppose this is an elementary approach to solving this problem; however, in this case it may be the only way to help reduce the noise. It is actually disappointing to witness this general disrespect for others that is currently present on campus. Many people just want to get their work done in a timely fashion and continue on with their daily lives. However, students cannot get their homework done quietly, and this is causing several repercussions. Please have respect for one another, and let's fix this problem. If you want to be loud and obnoxious, do it outside where you will not be disturbing anyone.

know." At no point in my op-ed did I claim otherwise. It was not necessary for my argument. Fact #2: there are "3,000 annual rape victims" in Pennsylvania. At no point in my op-ed did I make a statistical claim because my argument did not require it. I'm assuming that this statistic accounts for the sizable number of victims who never report the crime; if it does not, then I guess we're down to only one fact.

The best argument in Miss M's op-ed was regarding her celebration of "every step taken" by Muhlenberg College regarding rape prevention. This is based on the erroneous assumption that I was only addressing Muhlenberg. My comments regarding the waste of time and resources involved in the production of these posters were in reference to colleges across the country. I am not naïve enough to believe that Muhlenberg is wasting millions of dollars on a few hundred posters. My criticism was of the system as a whole, because only at this level of analysis do the quantifiable measurements become worthy of notice.

"Every step taken" should be celebrated? What about missteps? What about steps where the practicality and efficacy of the plan is highly suspect or even nonexistent? Is the very notion of debating the practicality and efficacy so taboo that it warrants an immediate dismissal as a possible topic of discussion? Allow me to translate this attitude: we're more concerned about making noise than we are about making sense. That's phenomenal.

Miss M also employs a cunning tactic of implying that I hate rape victims because I would write criticisms of ineffectual rape "solutions," such as the posters, rather than volunteer. What Miss M is forgetting is that an entire profession exists on the reporting of stories without becoming involved: it's called journalism. In addition to that, I'm more than willing to acknowledge that I'm a horrible person. However, being a horrible person does not hurt the validity of my observation. Imagine if we brought Adolph Hitler back to life and he made the statement, "Water is wet." Despite being a horrible person, Hitler's statement about water is factually accurate. For those of you who are offended by this Hitler reference, feel free to write a poorly reasoned op-ed in which you imply that I'm a Nazi. Go for it. It'll be awesome.

Ironically, Miss M's criticism of my first article is essentially equivalent to my criticism of rape posters. The only logical criticism I have heard about my article is that rape posters may foster community awareness of the issue. However, anyone who is serious enough to engage in deep philosophical conversations about rape after seeing a poster is someone who already possesses a predilection to not commit rape. Furthermore, according to their logic, my article would foster the same sense of awareness as the posters because it mocks meaningless solutions to a real problem. Therefore, to support rape posters is to support the writing of my article. Thank you for your support, Miss M.

Miss M's final comments were that "Pennsylvania's 3,000 annual rape victims will appreciate [my] future efforts to be [better] educated and active in rape prevention." I respond by saying that PA's 3,000 annual rape victims would probably prefer meaningful and effective solutions rather than empty lip-service (in the form of posters) from people who are concerned with action simply for action's sake.

Also, I would love two tickets to see the show.

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Taking it back to the old school

Max Lux
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

I'm writing this through a caffeineated haze--there's a small pyramid of empty Sunkist cans to the right of me, and my fingers are twitching with nervous energy. This is the perfect state in which to write an article: my senses are heightened to near-paranoia levels and my mind is honed to a razor's edge. I'm ready, I'm willing, I'm raring to tackle some of the touchy, sensitive, controversial subjects no one else would dare touch. However, one troubling constant amongst the student body has so consumed my attention that it has acquired precedent above all else. We all watch television. We all go to the movies. We all listen to music. But very few, if any, of us actually pay attention to the very things we subject ourselves to under guise of 'entertainment'.

I have friends who watch up to four hours of television a day. There's nothing wrong with that--it's a great way to relieve stress after a long day of classes: it allows for background noise during studying

and even serves as a social lubricant, a opportunity to bond with friends and roommates. Yet, the bombardment of advertisements - commercial, subliminal or otherwise - is largely unnoticed and dismissed simply as 'noise'. I hate to use such a hackneyed example, but under

recent examination, it has proved to be one of the most ridiculous in terms of both subtext and stereotype proliferation:

MTV. It's no secret that 'Music Television' no longer plays any actual music, but the range of programming they *do* present is still a bastion for idiocy and social depravity.

The glorification and propagation of an elite, upper-class archetype is sickening, and the once 'edgy' reality shows have sunk into half-assed parodies of their former selves. Whereas *The Real World* used to present an interesting culture clash, dripping with depth and relevance, it is now an overblown spectacle of clichéd roommate-infighting, the more entertaining counterparts of

which can be easily found in any freshman dorm on campus. Over-marketing quickly flash-fries any interesting concepts to come out of the network, and bizarre love-letters to conservative America (such as the adolescent independence stunting dating show *Parental Control*) are

simply uncomfortable to watch. Commercials range from skin care to makeup to over-priced automobiles, with nary

a public service advertisement thrown in for societal benefit.

Movie nights are fun, everybody has them, and it's a great chance to kick back and relax with your circle of friends after a long (half) week. I have one every Tuesday night, and it is, by far, the highlight of my week, when I can actually attend. Recently though, I've found it difficult to actually sit down with a group and watch movies of a 'risky' nature--films that some people are not guaranteed to like (not horrific-gore-risky, but more along the lines of interesting independent movies or

art cinema from the sixties). It seems that purely escapist entertainment is so prolific among students looking for a good time that there is hardly any room for a thought-provoking film. I have seen *Labyrinth* far too many times in my four years here to justify watching it again, and yet, I can't actually get people to sit down and watch something bizarre and avant-garde like *Eraserhead* without severe objections all-around.

As a nice change of pace, at your weekly gatherings, try to switch things up. Sure, *Boondock Saints* is a great movie, and makes for some damn good popcorn-cinema. But what about watching *Bonnie & Clyde* and then having a quick conversation about subtext afterwards? We're all here to expand our intellectual horizons after all. While an episode of *Friends* might be easier to sit through than a vintage *Twilight Zone*, the latter may prove to be more rewarding aesthetically, even if it doesn't garner the affections of everyone present. Just food for thought: think about what you watch, because the programming is thinking about you watching it.

The Devil
You Know

Good luck Hogan!

We watched you grow and learn as a member of our community since Fall 2005...



Best of luck with *The Seeing Eye*
-Your Muhlenberg Friends

Jose Torres Tama uses performance art to teach students and faculty about Hurricane Katrina

By Elyse Ettin
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

On Tues., Oct. 10, the Multicultural Center at the College welcomed performance artist Jose Torres Tama to present "The Cone of Uncertainty: New Orleans After Katrina." Tama has lived in New Orleans for the past 23 years, and he escaped from Hurricane Katrina last year on a stolen school bus.

First, Torres Tama showed a film he created about New Orleans. Then, he performed a serious monologue about how he escaped, with an intermittent song played with maracas. The monologue was performed in various voices and volumes to portray all of his emotions during the hurricane. Torres Tama wore an all-black costume and a mask during a portion of the monologue. He also drew on his face with black marker and wrote "help" on his arm. The lyrics of the song described his escape from New Orleans during the disastrous hurricane. Also explained during his performance was how federal officials abandoned the desperate people of New Orleans during this time of crisis. He also expressed his distaste for President Bush, whom he feels did not take the proper course of action in the aftermath of Katrina. Torres Tama said, "Wasn't Mr. Bush on vacation? Didn't he see it on CNN?"

Though some of the monologue and song was intended to be comedic, as he did have the audience laughing occasionally, the majority was serious and emotional. For instance,

Torres Tama discussed issues of race and class in our country. He explained the history of the storm and how thousands of Latin-American people like himself were displaced. He said that the press greatly ignored these stories during and after Hurricane Katrina.

Toward the end of the performance, another short film created by Torres Tama, was shown. This film showed New Orleans after the hurricane. In this film, the audience was able to see

the flooding of the streets with the cars floating away, all the damaged houses and the look of sadness, anger and desolation on the faces of the people living in New Orleans at the time.

At the end of the performance, there was a moment of silence for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. At this point, Torres Tama poured water into three different bowls in order to symbolize the

flooding that took place during the hurricane.

Through the combination of monologue, film footage, music and different voices, Torres Tama's performance was unique and enjoyable. After the program, Torres Tama held a question and answer session, where he answered a variety of questions about living in New Orleans at the time of the hurricane and how exactly he escaped. Torres Tama is making his way all across the country so that many Americans have the opportunity to learn more about Hurricane Katrina through his dynamic and introspective performance. Not only was the presentation interesting to watch, but it was also very educational and eye-opening.

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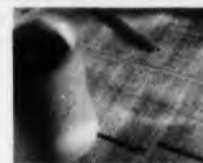
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Correction

In the Sept. 28th issue, the student organization, MASC, was identified as Men Against Sexual Conduct. MASC actually stands for Men Against Sexual Crimes. We would like to inform the campus of its correct title.



COFFEE KIOSK



Cram 'in for mid terms?
Stop by Java Joe for a jolt.

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Monday - Thursday

8:30 am - 10:00 pm

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8:30 am - 6:00 pm

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Answer to Sudoku

Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9.




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Members of the Delta Zeta sorority participate in the Greek Neighborhood Clean-up community service project. They are the second greek organization to participate in this community service project, following the fraternity, Alpha Epsilon Pi. The members of Delta Zeta split up into several groups and took to the streets of Allentown. Nikki Kelman '08, the Philanthropy Chair for Delta Zeta said, "It felt really good to help out the Allentown community."

PHOTO BY AMY SASS

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Partly Cloudy	Sunny	Partly Cloudy
High: 48 Low: 34	High: 53 Low: 36	High: 55 Low: 44

OFF CAMPUS

Local teacher wins honorable award

Jacqueline Woodruff, 33, a fifth grade teacher at Allentown's Washington Elementary School, was given a Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award, an honor that includes a \$25,000 check. Only 42 teachers from the state have been given the award since the program came to P.A. in 1994. Since 1987, more than \$56 million has been awarded to more than 2,200 educators.

On hand to announce the award was Jane Foley of the Milken Family Foundation, which was founded in 1985 in Santa Monica, Calif. Also at the celebration were Allentown Mayor Ed Pawlowski, School Board President Jeff Glazier, Superintendent Karen Angello and Sharon Brumbaugh, Special Assistant to the State Secretary of Education.

City comes close to banning skateboarding

Allentown City Council voted to reiterate the city's prohibition against reckless skateboarding, which includes riding in a way that endangers the skateboarder or pedestrians. Violations, which also includes disobeying traffic signs, can produce fines from \$25 to \$600.

However, the council stopped short of enacting the skateboarding ban that would have prohibited skateboarding on most city streets and sidewalks, unless there is written permission from property owners.

The legislation was made in order to make clear that such behavior on streets and sidewalks is unacceptable, and was intended to send a message. This legislation was also made due to the overwhelming number of complaints.

Courtesy of The Morning Call

Holocaust survivor tells his heroic story of escape and success

By Kim O'Brien
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Students at the College recently heard a first-hand account of the Holocaust from speaker and Auschwitz survivor, Severin Fayerman. The event, sponsored by Phi Kappa Tau, took place on Sept. 28 and was capped off by the standing ovation Fayerman received after being awarded a Special Certificate of Recognition on behalf of Congressmen Charlie Dent (R-PA).

"It is not easy for me to speak about my experiences in concentration camps in Germany," said Fayerman. He grew up in a predominantly German area of Poland, and began to notice the effects of the Nazi regime when working in his family's blacksmith trade. When Hitler declared there were to be no Jews in Germany, "The town became empty," he remembered.

Fayerman spoke of the day he departed from his home. "One bright, Sunday morning when we were all asleep, the Germans came knocking on our door." His family was told to pack up and leave immediately. Their destination? Auschwitz. He recalled the frightening ordeal of arriving at camp: "The doors opened, and the train was surrounded by soldiers and snarling dogs." The elderly were told that

trucks would drive them to the camps; they, of course, went straight to death. "As I got out I was told to go to the right. I was chosen to go to one of the camps as a worker," he said.

Turning left or right would dictate life or death. One of Fayerman's friends, who was told to go the left said, "Severin, avenge my innocent death," remembered Fayerman. "I made a promise I would. When the war ended and I survived, I remembered my pledge. But how do you avenge someone's death?" He then began to realize the power of speech. "The best way I could avenge his death, and the death of millions of people, was to tell the story."

A day's work was long and hard, and meals were scarce. "Prisoners started losing weight and looking like skeletons," he stated. Luck, said Fayerman, is what helped him survive. Educated in the French, Polish, German and English language, he overheard that a German official wanted to learn English and took the bold step to offer language lessons. In taking this job, Fayerman evaded the grueling work of camp

and received adequate food.

Once again, chance intervened. Factory workers were sought at camp to replace workers off at war. "I figured I would not survive Auschwitz so I'd take my chances," said Fayerman. He was taken away from Auschwitz to work in quarries and clean bombed, rubble-laden streets. Here, he was able to find food for his malnourished body.

Fayerman's final camp was Sachsenhausen. Prisoners were sent to Norway to dig trenches along with soldiers, where "we were to be killed with the Germans."

"My last night of imprisonment was in a quarry," recalled Fayerman. Armed

German soldiers surrounded sleeping prisoners. Upon waking, Fayerman realized his captors were gone. "We ran off towards the American side," he said, where he and friends encountered a U.S. soldier. "He waved at us from across the tank, and we were safe--saved by the American army."

It is from that point that Fayerman said, "My sad story has a happy ending." He traveled to Austria, where he discovered that

his entire family had survived. "I was so truly, very happy." Though reunited, "I didn't want to go back to Poland--back to Europe. I didn't want to go to place where they kill each other for race or religion. I did not agree with that." Fayerman sought employment at the United Nations, which landed him in America. "I wanted to start my life again after the horrors of the camp," he added.

The rest is history. With just \$6,000 in his savings account, he went on to found Baldwin Brass, an upscale hardware business based in Berks County, Pa. "This can only happen in America," he beamed. "This country...there is none like it anywhere in the world. We have really created the most wonderful country. I would gladly give what's left of my life to defend it."

To conclude his speech, Fayerman stressed the importance of documenting the past, noting, "You just don't want this to happen again. That is why I address younger people, with their lives ahead of them." Most importantly, Fayerman stressed his growth from his difficult past. "We must be able to forgive, and live our normal lives. I decided I wanted to live my own life." Despite the horrors, he stated, "Things went on...life went on because that's the human spirit."

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Severin Fayerman



Members of the fraternity Phi Kappa Tau, who sponsored the event, pose with Severin Fayerman after he gave his talk.

SPIRIT

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side. These festivities will begin in the East Quad at 4:30 p.m. and will run until 7:30 p.m. Tomorrow night, a pep rally and a bonfire are scheduled to prepare for the Homecoming Football Game this weekend. The pep rally will be taking place at 8:00 p.m. in

Memorial Hall with the bonfire following at 9:00 p.m. on the Library Lawn. As shown by the wide array of events that have been planned out for this week, one of the main goals of SPIRIT Week is to help the student body bond amongst itself and boost up morale for homecoming weekend. Scott Gordon '08 expressed his appreciation for SPIRIT

Week: "SPIRIT Week is a great way to get the current Muhlenberg students excited and involved with the Homecoming Weekend. Unfortunately in the past, many students have not been aware

Homecoming was approaching--now everyone will be excited and ready to participate in the exciting events." Finally, to cap off the event, the Homecoming Football Game will be taking place

on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. with the Homecoming Dance following later that evening.

Katie Bemis said, "I thought it went well as we are bringing back some of the College's old traditions. It was fun to see so many people come out to show school spirit, while having a good time, especially at a student run event."

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There's still time!

Major Declaration Deadline Friday, October 20th

UNDECLARED UPPERCLASS STUDENTS:



See your first-year advisor to discuss your options and declare your major today.

Remember: Undeclared students cannot register for courses open to majors.



The Dynamics perform at the Athlete Auction.

PHOTO BY EMILY MORSE

Campus Safety Notes

Sept. 30 - Chemical Spill - A shelf in the new science building collapsed, breaking some containers holding specimens and formaldehyde. The spill was contained and proper safety procedures were followed. The Allentown Fire Department responded and the Hazmat Team was on standby. Before the building could be cleared, an outside firm had to come in and test everything, including air quality and clean-up. The building was re-opened after it was deemed safe and no injuries were reported.

Oct. 4 - Theft - A student's wallet, containing \$80, was stolen in the Center of the Arts building.

Oct. 4 - Alarm - A drain pipe burst and poured through the ceiling, setting off the fire alarm in the campus bookstore.

Oct. 4 - Sick Student - A

semi-conscious student with palpitations was transported to St. Luke's Hospital.

Oct. 5 - Carpentry Problem - A student accidentally pulled the handle off the front door of Seegers Union.

Oct. 5 - Fire Alarm Sounding - The fire alarm went off due to cooking at 428 Albright Street.

Oct. 5 - Harassment - A student reported receiving harassing phone calls on her cell phone. APD is working on the case with the victim.

Oct. 6 - Sick Student - A student on the third floor of Walz Hall had severe pain in her side. She went to the Health Center.

Oct. 6 - Sick Student - A student on the first floor of Walz Hall reported suffering from a migraine headache. She refused to go to the hospital.

Oct. 6 - Drug Possession - Two students were referred to the Judicial Process for possession of marijuana.

Oct. 7 - Injured Student - A student fell down the steps of Prosser Hall, injuring his hand and back. He was transported to St. Luke's Hospital.

Oct. 7 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to steam from the shower at 414 Albright Street.

Oct. 8 - Disorderly Conduct - Two students, driving in the Prosser Hall parking lot, were caught screaming to females passing by. The students received a citation for excessive noise.

Oct. 8 - Found Property - A mountain bike that was once reported stolen, was found on the sidewalk of 25th and Liberty Streets.

Oct. 8 - Suspicious Person -

A 20-year-old non-student from Norristown, Pa., was found laying next to a tree by Robertson and South Halls. He was arrested for underage consumption of alcohol and public drunkenness. It is unknown whether he was visiting a student at the College.

Oct. 8 - Theft - Two individuals were caught stealing three bags of chips from General's Quarters. They were sent to the Judicial Process.

Oct. 8 - Underage Alcohol - A student living on the first floor of Prosser Hall was found intoxicated and was transported to St. Luke's Hospital. The student was referred to the Judicial Process for underage consumption of alcohol.

Oct. 8 - Drug Possession - Seven students on the first floor of Walz Hall were referred to the Judicial Process for possession of

marijuana.

Oct. 8 - Underage Alcohol - A room was found to have alcohol on the first floor of Walz Hall. One student, who took responsibility for the incident, was referred to the Judicial Process.

Oct. 8 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to burned popcorn in suite 302 of South Hall.

Oct. 8 - Injured Student - A student was injured in the chest during lacrosse practice. The student was transported to St. Luke's Hospital.

Oct. 8 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to cooking at 407/409 N. 23rd Street.

Oct. 8 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to burned popcorn in suite 204 of South Hall.

WEEKLY

Life!

"In the game of life, it's a good idea to have a few early losses, which relieves you of the pressure of trying to maintain an undefeated season."

-Bill Vaughan

Student performers create refreshing new sounds

By Victoria Davis
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Every Friday night, college students find themselves searching for that one perfect source of entertainment to clear their minds and erase their stress. What better way to relax than to listen to original, inspiring music created by Muhlenberg's own? On Fri, Oct. 5, student performers Liz Honan '07 and Brian Kirchner '07 provided fellow students with that much needed escape as they revealed their musical talents to create a night of familiar tunes and refreshing originals.

Honan hit the stage in the Great Room at 11:30 p.m., guitar and music in hand, and captivated her intimate audience with the mellow Jewel hit, "You Were Meant for Me." The Great Room is a big room to fill, but Honan's voice, that can only be described as beautiful, carried through with ease. Her voice is neither harsh nor strained, and Honan's natural ability is apparent.

Between songs, Honan was in constant conversation with her audience, asking for requests and joking about weekend plans. She continued with "She Talks to Angels" by the Black Crows and a catchy original that she composed seven years ago; an "oldie but a goodie," as Honan called it, and it definitely was. She also sang a gorgeous rendition of Jack Johnson's "The News," a song that fit the softness of her voice perfectly. Her concert took a bit of a country twist with a Holly Williams song, "Sometimes," and she finished off the night with her personal favorite, "Hallelujah," which was the best of the night. She sang it so effortlessly and emotional-



Brian Kirchner '07 plays a birthday concert on the piano with Christi Razzi '07 on violin in the Recital Hall.

PHOTO BY VICTORIA DAVIS

ly that the audience couldn't help but make it their favorite as well.

Meanwhile, in the Recital Hall of the Center for the Arts, Kirchner was preparing for his birthday recital, and at midnight, he performed on the piano. He enlisted the help of a violinist, and the combination was extremely well-balanced and professional. Kirchner's fast fingers kept perfect time and he even added vocals. His impassioned lyrics and flawless technique left the audience speechless, as Kirchner never faltered and seemed completely confident.

He performed a Radiohead cover, "No Surprises," as well as originals such as "Grandfather Clock," also known as "Seasons." Gaining inspi-

ration from Irish folk music, his originals flowed with incredible movement, and his enthusiastic crowd appreciated every note. This particular performance was the opposite of the typical piano recital as the songs were energetic and the room was anything but stuffy. Kirchner's recital, overall, was impressive and well-done; not a note was missed (that the audience could tell) and the casual yet electric mood created an unforgettable night.

Tracking down both performances proved no easy task, but the performances were worth the effort. To reach the venues, students followed signs signaling changes in location from the Red Door to the Great Room in Seegers to Kirchner's stage

which had been moved all the way to the Center for the Arts. Arriving just in time, guests could plop into their seats and enjoy the friendly atmosphere, because while location may have been a bit of an issue, the quality of the music was undeniably exceptional. So even though the audience may have arrived a bit short of breath, they certainly all left the CA rejuvenated and ready to take on the upcoming week.

Both performers captured the audience in their own way with their unique vocals and instrumental abilities. Even with the last minute changes, Kirchner and Honan still pulled off a flawless show, which is why you should keep an eye out for these two in the future!



LEFT: Brian Kirchner '07 sings with a gusto that matches his fast and flawless skills on the piano.

RIGHT: Liz Honan '07 sings and plays guitar in a captivating performance last Friday night.



Coming out on tape

By Linda L. Bowers

HEAD, TECHNICAL SERVICES, TREXLER LIBRARY

Usually, one doesn't think of the library as a place of radical change, but there have been a lot of changes at Trexler over the summer. We, staff, have come together to start letting the campus know about our new personnel, programs, activities and services.

For now, I'd like to tell you about the library's efforts to make materials easier for you to locate. First, the print periodicals are now on Level C in one huge, impressive-looking alphabetical arrangement. It is now easier than ever to find a journal.

The current issues of about 100 significant or popular journals are still in the Periodicals Reading Lounge on Level A. Daily and weekly newspapers, foreign and domestic, are now shelved on Level A with the backfiles of daily newspapers, and the latest issue of the daily papers is still available at the Circulation Desk.

There is no worrying about cut-off dates or what

is shelved upstairs or down. There's a photocopy machine ten feet from the shelves, with a comfortable reading lounge close by in which to relax. All that's missing is the espresso, but the new vending machines offer an array of other choices.

Print government documents are now all on the tall stacks on Level A, in their proper numerical order, from the Agriculture Dept. (As) to Congressional hearings (Ys). You can also access most government information directly online in the catalog, but there are some great historical, primary source materials still in the paper collection. There's still nothing better than getting your hands on a the real thing.

But best of all, we are proud to announce the new and improved AV Alcove on Level A. Almost all of our video collection is now out on open shelves, making it easy for you to browse and

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Recipe of the Week

Chicken and Veggie Noodles

2 packages of Ramen noodles
or 2 servings of pasta
12 ounces of cooked chicken
1/2 to 1 package of frozen
stir fried veggies

3 tablespoons of Olive Oil ONLY if
using regular pasta

1/4 tablespoon of Teriyaki sauce
salt and pepper to taste

This is a really simple recipe for the college student. Take your chicken, season with salt and pepper, then cook it. I recommend cooking it in a flat pan with a tbs. of Olive Oil on the bottom. Then cook your pasta. If using Ramen, drain some of the sauce. Cut up chicken into bite-sized pieces. Then cook the veggies and add the Olive Oil and Teriyaki sauce to the pasta. Add the chicken and veggies. Mix well.

Enjoy!

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Weekend Listings



The Departed

Fri. 3:30, 6:45, 10:00
Sat. 3:30, 6:45, 10:00
Sun. 12:15, 3:30, 6:45

Employee of the Month

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Open Season

Fri. 4:40, 7:00, 9:30
Sat. 4:40, 7:00, 9:30
Sun. 2:15, 4:40, 7:00

The Grudge 2

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 10:00
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 10:00
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

Man of the Year

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:50
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 9:50
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Texas Chainsaw

Massacre: The Beginning

Fri. 4:50, 7:50, 10:15
Sat. 4:50, 7:50, 10:15
Sun. 1:50, 4:50, 7:50

The Guardian

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 10:10
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 10:10
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

Jackass Number Two

Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:15
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:15
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

SINCE YOU'VE GRADUATED WHAT IS THE BIGGEST CHANGE YOU'VE SEEN AT MUHLENBERG?



"I graduated?... Wait, what am I still doing here?"
- Aaron Bova '00, Associate Director of Housing services



"When I came here as a freshman in 1996 there was no regulated frisbee golf course. - Although there was regulated cherry jello wrestling on the Library Lawn!"
- Jill Lowery '00, Director of College Communications



"Muhlenberg has changed physically since I graduated in 1992, but it is still the place that I love to call home."
- Traci Falco '92, Director of Alumni Relations



"People actually work out now that we have a gym... as opposed to six unworking treadmills"
- Sean Topping '98, Men's Head Soccer Coach



"I've recently noticed an increase of awareness of events on campus... thanks to the message board! (shameless plug)."
- Phedra Fishbein '03, Muhlenberg Webmaster

Compiled by Kim Nguyen

Toying around with stockings and steam

By Lily Hatfield
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNIST

Mid-semester, yawn...so we have been back at the 'Berg now for almost seven weeks. The time has flown by so quickly and now it is mid-October. Mid-terms linger above our heads and the air is starting to get chilly. Girls are putting away their flip-flops and breaking out the Uggs. Soon the campus will look like one big black fleece mass, with everyone in their matching North Face jackets.

With the cold weather comes a sense of routine and monotony. But with all of the routines developing, make sure you don't fall into a love-slump! Just in case you sense things falling into a well-worn rut, here are some suggestions for heating up those chilly fall nights with your lover and keeping things interesting.

1. Babe's in Toyland

Christmas has come early. One of the best ways to surprise your partner is with a new toy. I am not

talking about hot wheels or a new Barbie, though we all know those people who might be happy with that too. I mean a toy of the adult nature. This can be anything from a simple gift such as some scented lotions or flavored lubes, or maybe something a little more hardcore.

Just off Rt.22 east, take the Fullerton Ave. exit. A little down the way, you will come to two different adult novelty stores. One has more of a selection of bondage equipment than the other. Don't be afraid to try new things! Your lover may be just dying for you to handcuff him or her to a bed and slap them around for a few hours! Before you start surprising him or her with something, talk about it first. Then start out slowly, trying new toys and items in an atmosphere of open communication and non-judgment. You may just find that one item that is the key to unlocking a more

satisfying and exciting love-life!

2. Let's play dress up

This one is more for the ladies. Lingerie is one of the sexiest items of clothing a woman can put on her body. Lace, frills, bows, straps...oh I'm getting all excited just thinking about it. Buy some naughty knickers to wear for your special someone. Plan a sexy striptease to music, or you could just make it up as you go along. Whatever you choose, your mate is sure to go ga-ga over your body in all those sexy items. Victoria's Secret is okay to start looking for your outfit, but if you are looking for more creative and interesting pieces that you can't find in a store, your best bet is online. Bustiers, garters, fishnets--you'll feel like a dancer straight out of the Moulin Rouge!

3. Steam it up

Save the hot water, shower with a friend! Now, while I can't condone doing this in some of the dorms on

campus (beware of rumors and/or some hall rules) but if you happen to have your own bathroom, you might as well try and do your best to save the planet, one shower at a time. You and your partner can lather each other up, wash body parts that are difficult to reach (the upper, back) or just enjoy a good make-out session. You can admire your partner's body and they, yours.

Getting busy in a shower can require some serious acrobatics, and if you share a shower with roommates or other people, be considerate of others. The floor can get kind of slippery, best to stay on two feet, this way you can have safe, sexual fun without slipping and falling.

I hope that these ideas will help spice up your current affair for those of you who are in a rut, possibly ignite one for those of you who are looking for a relationship or at least get your imagination going a bit...

Stay warm, stay safe and stay sexy Muhlenberg!

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"Extensions by John Altobelli and Robert Kevitch"

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Feral Music:

A Review of Wolfmother's Debut Album

By Kate Hullfish
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Unless you're actively looking for new music, a lot of times great music gets released relatively unnoticed by a majority of the public. Following this trend, over the last few weeks there has been a lot of great new but possibly overlooked albums released: Old Crow Medicine Show's (a sentimental favorite of mine)--*Big Iron World*, the prolific Bob Dylan--*Modern Times* and ever entertaining Beck --*The Information*, among others. Fortunately, I was looking for new music and found Wolfmother's debut album this weekend.

Though it's not the most recent (having been released in September), Wolfmother's new album is definitely one of the new ones worth checking out.

It was suggested to me a little while ago by a former music teacher and good friend. In addition to being so highly recommended, I was also feeling in need of something new to listen to; I decided to buy the album.

Like many albums that have come before, it's got a classic rock sound--very much like Led Zeppelin. The chorus on the first track, "Dimension," even incorporates the phrase "purple haze," immediately

bringing Jimi Hendrix to mind. The album as a whole is great--something you can put on and listen to without changing tracks and yet interesting enough that it keeps your attention.

Though the sound of this CD could be considered a little familiar, finding a good new rock album is hard to do. A good rock album should leave you with an original sound or at least a revitalized sound from long ago. This certainly pays tribute to the sound of past artists but has enough change to really make it their own.

Even the cover art is reminiscent of some of the less psychedelic and more mystical looking cover art of the 60s and 70s--think The Moody Blues' "In Search of the Lost Chord" or "Every Good Boy Deserves Favour." The work on this cover was done by the renowned illustrator Frank Frazella.

Though the band had been together for some time, they were first noticed in 2004 for their energetic shows and the release of their EP later that year. After six months of continuous touring in Europe and Australia, the band joined up with producer D. Sardy, whose previous work was with the likes of The Dandy Warhols, Oasis, Autolux, Jet

FACTOIDS on *Faith*

"Sukkot"

The word *Sukkot* is the plural of the Hebrew word *Sukkah*, meaning booth or hut. During this holiday, Jews eat their meals, entertain guests, relax and even sleep in a *sukkah*, a temporary structure. The *Sukkah* is reminiscent of the type of huts in which the ancient Israelites dwelt during their 40 years of wandering in the desert after the Exodus from Egypt, and reflects God's benevolence in providing for all their needs in the desert.

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find your favorites, and maybe serendipitously find some additional favorites.

Since the video collection is arranged by the Dewey Classification number, you have to go to 791.4372 to browse the feature films, which are otherwise in alphabetical order by title. It's a drag, but we'll have signage up shortly to help you zoom in on these materials. Not every title is currently out on the shelves, so make sure you take a look at the online catalog as well. There are more options available than most people realize. If it's not on the open shelves, check with the Circulation Desk and they will pull it from storage. It is a great way to skip a trip to Blockbuster and rent

some of the same great movies. Not to mention that the quick walk to the library should eliminate those late fees.

As just a sampling of all that we have, some of our feature films include *21 Grams*, *American Beauty*, *Garden State*, *Gladiator*, *The Matrix*, *Thirteen* and *The Truman Show*. We also have titles on VHS as well as DVD, and our collection includes some of your favorite TV series as well, like *The Sopranos*, *Sex and the City* and even *Angel* and *Buffy*.

Hope you'll think this major shifting effort is helpful and enjoy all the new features; we had a great team of students working with us this summer to make these changes happen. We hope that you have a good time browsing and enjoy all that we have to offer!

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and Helmet.

In May 2005, the band began rehearsing in Hollywood at the legendary Cherokee Recording Studio, which at one time had been used by Pink Floyd to create "The Wall". After six weeks of writing, the band worked in the legendary recording studio, Sound Studio. Their album was recorded in the same room as albums such as *Nevermind* by Nirvana and Fleetwood Mac's *Rumors*.

As an added little bit of trivia, at the end of their session, the band filmed a video in the desert where the original *Star Trek* was filmed. Surrounded by the origins of the most widely known pop culture of the past forty some years, if nothing else, the band was following a successful path.

The album was released in Australia in October 2005 with great reviews and debuted at number three on the charts. They would later receive the Album of the Year award from the national alternative radio network. The album was quickly certified as platinum.

The band is currently touring internationally to promote the release of their album in the U.S. and U.K. Check out their website at <http://www.wolfmother.com/> for news, more information about the band, upcoming shows, press releases, videos, contact information, merchandise (which includes Wolfmother socks) and of course their MySpace link.

This is definitely a band worth checking out if you are looking for something with the respectability of 1960s and the rock of the 1970s in your own generation.

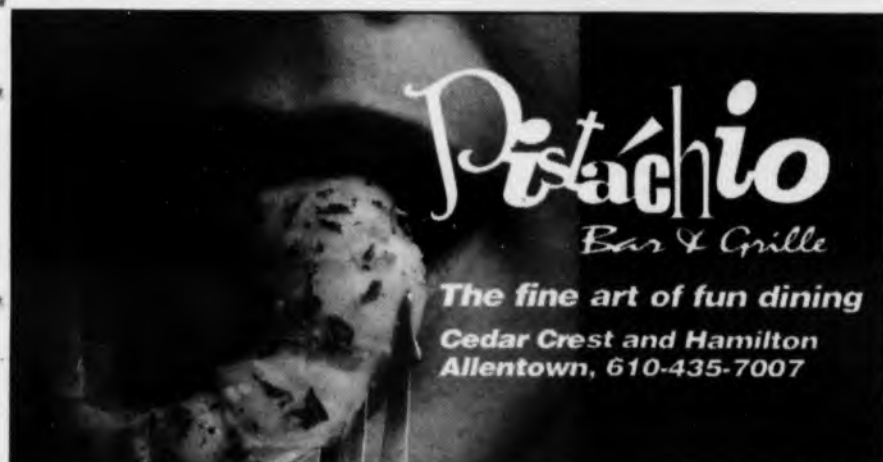
LIFE! Activities

OCTOBER 18-23

Wed. 9:00 p.m. in the Memorial Chapel- A quiet, contemplative form of worship and prayer where everyone is welcome to come and try it out!

Thurs. 7:00 p.m. in Miller Forum- Speaker Mark Crispin Miller, Professor of Culture and Communication at New York University, talks about the potential threat to the free exchange of information and ideas by the consolidation of media ownership.

Sat. 10:00 p.m. in Seegers- Students are able to stuff their own plush toys. Stuff-a-Plush is put on by MAC. They go quickly so make sure you get there early!



CHOICE WEEK 2006

October 16 - 21

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2006

Movie: "Fear & Loathing in Las Vegas" Starring: Johnny Depp & Benticio Del Toro
7 pm Red Door (sponsored by Counseling Services)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2006

Live Comical Performance: "Sex Signals" 5 pm - 6:30 pm Miller Forum
(sponsored by Counseling Services)
"Beer" Pong Tournament 5 pm - 8 pm Red Door (sponsored by Religious Life)

Wednesday, October 18, 2006

Speaker: Ross Szabo: "Mixed Drinks, Mixed Emotions" 8 pm Miller Forum
(sponsored by Counseling Services and Greek Life)

Thursday, October 19, 2006

Dorm Bulletin Board Judging 12 pm Residential Life (sponsored by Counseling Services)
Mocktails 11 am - 7 pm Seegers Union (sponsored by Delta Zeta Sorority)
Drunk Golf Cart Driving 7 pm Outdoor Basketball Courts (sponsored by Counseling services)
Turning Point Vigil against Domestic Violence 6 pm - 8 pm Chapel
(sponsored by Office of Community Services)

Friday, October 20, 2006

Movie: "You, Me and Dupree" 6 pm Red Door (sponsored by MAC)
Dance for a Cure 10 pm Garden Room (sponsored by Office of Community Services)
Fun Photos 10 pm Seegers Union Lobby

Saturday, October 21, 2006

West Fest Carnival 3 - 7 pm In Front of Brown (sponsored by RHA)
Movie: "You, Me and Dupree" 8 pm Red Door (sponsored by MAC)
Student Performers 11:30 pm Red Door

SPORTS: Saturday, October 21, 2006

Volleyball vs. Swarthmore 12 pm Life Sports Center
Women's Soccer vs. Washington 1 pm Muhlenberg Soccer Field
Field Hockey vs. Swarthmore 2 pm Scotty Wood Stadium
Men's Soccer vs. Gettysburg 7 pm Muhlenberg Soccer Field

SEC showdown headlines week 7 of College Football

By Zack Gugenheim
WEEKLY SPORTS COLUMNIST

2 Florida @ # 11 Auburn

Florida has become the final undefeated team in the Southeastern Conference, and looks to stay that way against an Auburn Tigers team that was just humiliated last week against Arkansas. Auburn is looking for revenge, and there would be no better way to get that and re-enter the SEC conference title picture to get an upset win over the Gators.

Offensively, the Tigers have become a little weak, as they have only mustered 18.75 ppg in SEC play, and only 17 points total against LSU and Arkansas. That must change if they want to defeat Florida. The key is the hard running of Kenny Irons, he is a playmaker, who can burst open a game if given some space by his offensive line. This will be a tough task, as Florida's rush defense has been spectacular thus far. However, they have not faced a back like Irons all season.

The Gators will be hampered by the injury of running back DeShawn Wynn, and that will work favorably for the Auburn Defense. This brings up the other key to this game: how will the Auburn defense react to quarterbacks, Chris Leak and Tim Tebow. Tebow is a good runner and has proven to be able to throw as well. Leak is one of the best passers in the country, and together, they have become one of the best tandems at that position. Although Auburn has been suspect, I think they will be able to handle the two quarterbacks, and the Gators don't have enough of the running game that Arkansas had to expose the Auburn defense.

Prediction: Auburn 21, Florida 17

4 Michigan @ Penn State

The breaking news for this game is that star wide-receiver Mario Manningham is out with an injury, which could be devastating to Michigan's big ten and national title aspirations. Couple that with the fact that this game is at Happy

Valley, which spells disaster for the Michigan Faithful. Penn State has the horses on defense to shut down the other wide receivers (Justin King proved that by shutting down Ohio State WR Ted Ginn earlier in the year), and this defensive unit continues to get better for the Nittany Lions.

If Michigan wants to avoid the upset, they must do three things. First, their defense needs to step up as they have all year long and force Anthony Morelli into mistakes. Second, Chad Henne must play mistake free, and not lock onto his receivers as he has done in the past. Third, Mike Hart must play well and carry the offense.

This will be the most hostile situation Michigan QB Chad Henne has faced in his collegiate career, as Happy Valley at night is one of the greatest venues in college football. Penn State will be ready to play, and will provide speed at the skill positions that Michigan hasn't faced yet. Penn State shocks the Wolverines, and upsets Michigan.

Prediction: Penn State 24, Michigan 20

1 Ohio State @ Michigan State

The Spartans are stumbling into this game after three huge losses, and are just not looking like the team that many expected. Starting running back, Javon Ringer, is out for the season, and quarterback, Drew Stanton, is playing with an injury. However, this is still a huge trap game for the top-ranked Buckeyes, and there is history of Michigan State rising up to defeat a team it shouldn't (just ask the last # 1 Buckeye Squad to play Michigan State... MSU pulled the upset back in 1998).

On paper, Ohio State looks to be a much better team, especially without Ringer. It all depends on which MSU shows up. If it's the one that played in the 1st half against Notre Dame, they will hang with, and could upset the Buckeyes. If it's the squad that has shown up since the second half of the Notre Dame, then forget about it. I predict it will be the latter, and it will get ugly. This Ohio State has a knack for creating

turnovers (14 total in 6 games), and will create many against this sputtering offense. Ohio State QB Troy Smith could really propel his heisman campaign with this game.

Prediction: Ohio State 45, Michigan State 7

Zack's Top Ten Teams

1. Ohio State (2, last week) - Hard to argue when they have beat three ranked teams, including two on the road.

2. Florida (4) - Gators have played well and beaten two very tough teams in Alabama and LSU... Can they get through Auburn and Georgia as well?

3. Michigan (3) - Losing WR Manningham could really hurt them can they defeat Penn State and Iowa without him?

4. Texas (6) - QB Colt McCoy looks great, and can still contend for the title if other teams lose.

5. USC (5) - They've defeated Washington and WSU by a combined total of 12 points... I'm not impressed, and if they don't improve, they will lose... maybe as early as this week when they play against Arizona State.

6. Auburn (1) - They lost to an unranked Arkansas, but I still think they are one of the best teams in the country, and have a chance to show it against Florida this week.

7. Tennessee (NR) - Yeah... that win over Cal sure looks good now, doesn't it?

8. Louisville (8) - QB Brian Brohm will be back soon... and just in time for him to find a rhythm before the big showdown with West Virginia.

9. West Virginia (7) - The score is misleading against Miss St... they were struggling with a really bad team.

10. California (NR) - Two of the biggest surprises this year are from the Golden Bears... QB Nate Longshore, and WR DeSean Jackson... these two may be able to unseat the Trojans as the best team in the west.

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Top 5 Heisman candidates

1. Troy Smith (QB/Ohio State) - All he has done is guide his team to a 6-0 record, having to play teams like Texas, Iowa, and Penn State. His TD-INT ratio is 15-2... that's pretty good.

2. Garrett Wolfe (RB/Northern Illinois) - Could break Barry Sanders single season rushing record... not to mention he could approach 3,000 yards...

3. Adrian Peterson (RB/Oklahoma) - He had a good game against Texas... but the fact that his team lost, and Smith beat Texas is really going to hurt his chances.

4. Calvin Johnson (WR/Georgia Tech) - This guy is a man among boys, he is the best receiver in college football.

5. Mario Manningham (WR/Michigan) - Although he is injured and probably won't stay here, he deserves this spot right now. He has brought Michigan to another level.

A Rising Soccer Star

Mule Profile: Billy Dalton

By Alex Mangini and Ruwani Ganepola
Asst. Sports Editors

Co-Captain of the men's soccer team, Billy Dalton '10 is originally from Sparta, NJ and began

playing soccer between the ages of five and six. This year, Dalton is playing the position of center midfield. At their most recent win on Sept. 30 at McDaniel, Dalton assisted a crucial play resulting in the College's victory. This was an important win for advancing in the Centennial Conference.

Dalton has confidence that the team will succeed this season. Despite some challenges the team has faced, they plan on overcoming them with a lot of hard work and drive. He believes the greatest challenge for the team has been inexperience. It has proven to be difficult to fill the shoes of the seniors who graduated last spring. However, they have been able to overcome this problem by putting in the younger players. "They have been stepping up and playing a lot of minutes, and we have been getting good results," said Dalton. Although the team has had some setbacks this year, he believes that "there are a lot of hard working and dedicated players in addition to a really solid keeper." He goes on to say, "We are underdogs going in, but I think we will have a lot of success this season."

Being a co-Captain is a role that Dalton takes very seriously. He has the ability to both motivate and lead his teammates. "Billy is the perfect captain," states teammate Nick Jones '10. Jones goes on to say, "Billy has the ability to lift up anyone when they are down." Joe Dyer '10 adds, "He is a good leader both on and off the field." Teammate Greg Lichtman '07 believes that Dalton is "one of the best players on the team. He never gives up, is a big motivator and most importantly, he leads by example."



Dalton runs up the field after getting the ball back.

PHOTO COURTESY OF BILLY DALTON



Dalton steals the ball and drives it upfield.

PHOTO COURTESY OF BILLY DALTON

The team is fortunate to have such a dedicated and driven captain.

Dalton credits the coaches for the team's ongoing success. The coaches have prepared the team well for the current season both physically and mentally. Dalton believes the coaches have done a great job of inspiring the players. He says, "We worked really hard during preseason, and our coaches have put a lot of effort into finding a scheme that works, keeping us motivated and giving us the best chance to win." This combination of determination and focus by both the players and the coaches will insure a successful season.

When asked about how he has progressed over the past year, Dalton replies, "By moving back to my natural position this year and playing with such a good group of guys, I have really been able to help distribute the ball and start attacks towards the goal." Playing at the college level has given Dalton experience and has greatly helped him improve his game.

Aside from being a member of the College's soccer team, Dalton participates in intramural basketball. Currently, he is undecided about his major. As a student-athlete, life is demanding at times and Dalton believes, "Though it is always difficult to balance school and soccer everyday, it is do-able." The team is lucky to have such talented younger players, like Dalton, because they are full of potential that will be sure to carry the team to future victories. Good luck to all the players in the rest of the season!

Mules Homecoming Weekend Home Schedule

Football

(2-3)

Men's Soccer

(5-2-2)

Saturday

vs.
Ursinus
@ 1:00 p.m.

vs
Dickinson
@ 7:00 p.m.

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Mules fall to F&M despite best efforts



Quarterback Eric Santagato '09 dodges and throws a crucial pass.

By Justin Gerstley
SPORTS EDITOR

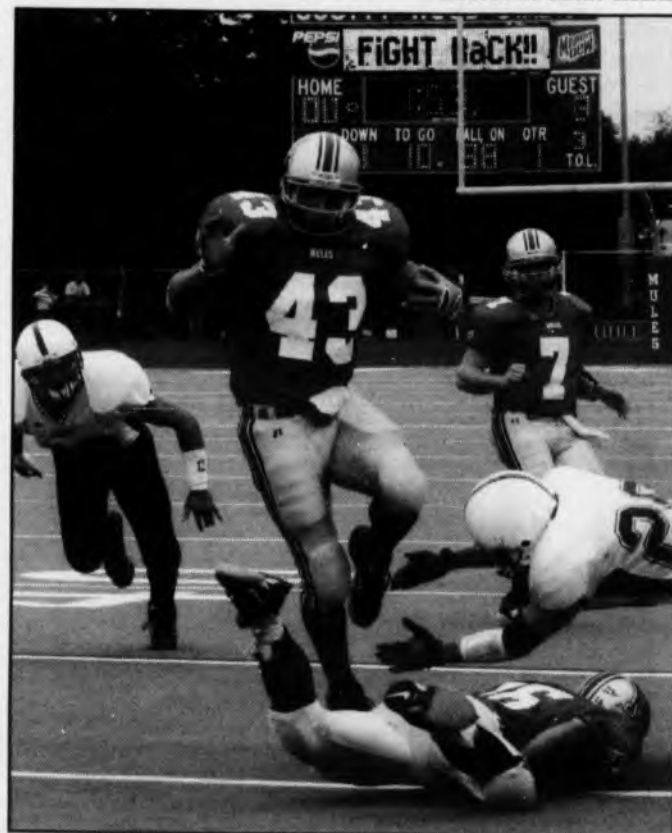
Muhlenberg let up three touchdowns in the first quarter against the Dickinson football team, which set up an uphill battle that the Mules were unable overcome. Two of the three touchdowns came within a period of 1:49, one play after the prior, when the kickoff was returned to the 6-yard line. The third came after the Mules fumbled a punt with only 23 seconds left in the first quarter. Dickinson won 24-14, the Mules first loss to the Red Devils (4-1, 2-0) since 1998.

At halftime, the Mules trailed 24-7; however with 6:49 left in the third quarter, they closed to within ten points on a thirteen-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Eric Santagato '09 to tight end Stephen Montalto '07. The Mules drove into the red zone three times in the fourth quarter, however their efforts produced no points.

Montalto completed seven receptions, and set a school record for tight ends with 118 receiving yards.

Keith Shalvoy '07 weaves down the field.

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Men's Soccer Drops a Tough One

By Brandon Mefford
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The Men's Soccer Team dropped a tough one this past weekend. They traveled down toward Philadelphia to Swarthmore College. It was a cool Saturday and the game was going back and forth. Swarthmore almost got on the score board halfway through the first half, but the Mule defense pushed up and forced an offside call. The half ended at a 0-0 stalemate. The second half didn't go as well as planned for the Mules. After a great defensive play to stop a shot, the bounce did not favor the Mules as it jumped right to a Swarthmore player and was knocked in for the first goal with 36:06 left in the second half. After the ice break-

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er, the referees let the players play and many complained about the no-calls. Junior Midfielder Jonathan Kliwer blasted the shot but the Garnett goalie made a remarkable save to keep the ball out of the net. The 'Berg pressed up on offense the last few minutes of the game, but Swarthmore capitalized and scored their second goal with 3:40 left to play and that was the end of the game. Junior Peter Bennett had three saves in the contest. The Mules were out shot 10-9 on the day. Nick Jones '10 says, "the team fought a hard battle, but ultimately we were just unlucky." The Mules defeated the Garnett twice last season including knocking them out of the playoffs. The men's record is 2-2-1 in the Centennial Conference and hold a 5-2-2 overall record.

Men's Golf places Second

By Joshua Goldstien
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The Mules came home to the Lehigh Country Club and took second place in the nine team tournament for the fourth year in a row. Led by Freshman Biff Slocum who tied for second with a 76 the Mules shot a 314, and lost to Lehigh Valley rival Moravian by four strokes. The Mules had a 153 shot 4 stroke lead at the turn led by Sophomore Bill Snow's tournament leading 34 front nine. However, Snow struggled on the back nine tying Sophomore Geoff Kellemen for a team worst 45. Snow's front nine did allow him to finish with a 79 and was very instrumental in Muhlenberg's success. Junior Garrett Carpenter led the

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way on the back shooting a tournament low 36 on the back nine on his way a 78 for the tournament. However, Moravian's consistency was too much as they shot a 152 on the back nine. Two Centennial Conference teams also competed in the tournament Swarthmore and Haverford finished 6th and 9th respectively. Chris Trapp '10 says, "It is unfortunate that the team didn't win, but we are continually improving." The team looks toward the spring season where it will look to improve upon its fifth place Centennial Conference finish a year ago. With the leadership of Junior Garrett Carpenter, and the talented underclassmen, the Mules golf team looks to be dangerous not only this year but for the next few years to come.

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A mock DUI trial takes place during choice week

By Elyse Ettin
WEEKLY ASST. NEWS EDITOR

On Fri., Oct. 20, Muhlenberg College Emergency Medical Service (MCEMS) hosted a mock Driving Under the Influence (DUI) trial. MCEMS, Allentown Fire Department, Allentown EMS, Cetronia Ambulance Corps and Muhlenberg College Campus Safety Police participated in the drill. The purpose of this event was to show the student body the possible effects of driving while under the influence of alcohol.

Les Polk '08, First Lieutenant of MCEMS said, "The entire campus community had an opportunity to witness up-close an accurate depiction of what an accident scene would look like.

For instance, during Fall Break I personally staffed an ambulance at home which responded to a car accident call where all of the occupants were drunk. The car was unrecognizable and reduced to half its size after hitting a tree at high speed. One of these patients was flown by helicopter in critical condition to the trauma center, and the others were seriously injured. It is important for all college students to understand that the choices they make can have grave consequences, especially when they choose to get behind the wheel after drinking."

A beat-up car was placed on the grass in front of Seegers Union around noon. MCEMS students pretended to be victims of a drunk driver crashing into their

car. They had fake blood on their faces and hands in order to make the situation appear real. They wanted to make it appear as if one victim had crashed into the windshield and died.

Campus Safety was the first to enter the scene of the "accident." Then, MCEMS responded and started to treat the victims. Next came the Allentown Fire Department to get the victims out of the car. To accomplish this task, they used glass saws, the Jaws of Life and other such power tools. The Allentown Fire Department also came with a Battalion Chief, an engine and a large rescue truck. Allentown EMS and Cetronia Ambulance Corps

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MCEMS, APD and Campus Safety participated in the DUI trial.

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Cans Across America

By Dan Asip
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

On Wed., Oct. 18, the College's students, faculty and staff donated canned goods to the Cans Across America drive organized by Sodexho Dining Services.

The drive was an attempt

"Sodexho is a big business and feeding the hungry is an important part of how the company gives back."

Tom Henry, Garden Room Manager

by the College, along with all of the campuses run by Sodexho to break the Guinness World Record for the most cans of food collected in a single, 24-hour, period. "The drive was run through the Sodexho Resident Dining Program," said Tom Henry, Garden Room Manager, who organizes all Sodexho events on campus. "Some of the company's programs are more customer focused, but others, like this one, are community service focused."

During the summer, there is a conference for students from all the Sodexho campuses to meet with the Sodexho marketing team to decide on the promotions that will take place during the year. Kim Nguyen '07, represented the College at this conference. The Cans Across America drive was one of the main events that resulted from the conference. "Sodexho is a big business and feeding the hungry is an important part

of how the company gives back," said Henry.

"A lot of community service is done within the company, including events in conjunction with Second Harvest and Serve-a-Thon," he said. "During this past year, Sodexho and Serve-a-Thon helped feed 30,000 people with 100 tons of food."

The current Guinness Record is 156,889.34 lbs. of food held by the Thunder in the Valley group from Bechtelsville, Pa. "The final count here was 206.88 lbs.," said Henry. "Considering that the drive went on the week after Homecoming, I feel good about the results."

During the week leading up to the event, canned food was sold in the General's Quarters and the response

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to this move was evident. "I could tell that a lot of the cans were bought at GQ," said Henry. "It was good to see that the students made an effort. They went above and beyond what I expected."

Students Have A Real Effect (S.H.A.R.E.) helped Dining Services organize the event by collecting cans and helping put out the Sodexho displays. "Most of the marketing aspects of the

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Finding the missing link

Communication: it's what all solid relationships depend on and need to survive. This form of discourse, or rather it's lack of, can be found between ex-husbands and ex-wives, ex-boyfriends and ex-girlfriends, warring nations and ironically, between the College and its surrounding residential community. The College, once revered (at least by the 18-22 year-old population) as a marker of party hooliganism, was known among the community for its loud "social gatherings" and frequent disturbances of the peace. We were the odd-ball, the outsider, the rebel that didn't fit in with the encircling cookie-cutter commune of shuttered homes, groomed yards and fenced-in properties. Then Muhlenberg overdosed on alcohol and Aderol, and rose from its ashes like the phoenix to become an upstanding pillar of student achievement in both academics and organizational involvement. Yet, has this change in reputation, behavior and overall, demeanor penetrated the guarded houses and reached the residents inside? We think not.

While roaming the streets through the Greek Community Clean-up project, members were approached by neighbors about the recent vandalism plaguing cars surrounding campus. The neighbors believed College students were responsible for the acts. However, as members informed them, many students had their cars vandalized as well and this, in addition to the theft, assaults and stabbings, was thought to have been performed by outside sources. The neighbors had no clue what they were talking about. Theft, assaults, stabbings, what?

Perhaps these people were the new kids on the block or maybe they were hermits who left their dark, shade-drawn homes to harass the girls bearing trash bags and blue latex gloves. Either way, there's a missing link and that essential mislaid piece is communication. The College is striving to integrate us into the Allentown community through this project as well others, which has so far, met with little success. We're not sure what devices of cross-communication the College shares with its neighborly inhabitants, but we beg the administration to strengthen its outside relations and break the tarnished image that some may have of us. We want to be looked at as part of the community as opposed to a bunch of hormone-crazed barbarians out to wreck havoc on the surrounding community.

Higher learning or the high life

By Colin Stevenson
WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

"You'll never remember class time, but you'll remember the time you were wasted hanging out with your friends." "Go out on a Tuesday with your friends when you have a paper due Wednesday." "You have four years to be irresponsible here." If you're a college student, you've definitely heard these mantras before. You've probably read them on some website on a Thursday night sitting at your computer weighing the options of drinking that case of Natty Light (or the new favorite, Lionshead) you've got in the fridge or being responsible and buckling down to get work done for Friday. What's interesting is not that this internal debate is occurring, but that among students, colleges are now being viewed more as places where people go to drink and have sex, rather than prestigious institutions of higher learning.

Most of these mantras seem to be written for freshman year because those years are when we are really finding out who we are. Our views on different subjects and ideas change because we are constantly surrounded

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Creating a better future

By Andrew Smith
WEEKLY BUSINESS MANAGER

I used to believe that all people are (generally) moral beings, and that we are inherently "good" by nature. Such a populace would, ideally, work for the overall enhancement of society as a whole and help others live in their communities, (which are hopefully) devoid of immorality and other unnecessary dangers. However, do we really possess this 'inherent quality of inborn goodness?' Do we treat each other fairly and equally in all situations? Can we change our basic nature and/or other fixed characteristics? These questions, in my opinion, cannot be answered easily. The only solution I can pose is that we should help each other form a community that we can be proud of at our college (and in our own "small worlds"); some form of "goodness" can be achieved if we can work together effectively.

It is essential for us to treat one another with respect and decency because we want this feeling to permeate in a more global sense. Acting in an upright manner affects everyone that we come in contact with on a daily basis. Thus, if we can form a respectful local community (by behaving in proper decorum), we can help more people become "good people." We owe this to ourselves and for the generations that follow us.

I think Robert F. Kennedy stated this principle in the finest and most eloquent terms: "...each of us can work to change a small portion of events, and in the total of all those acts will be written the history of this generation. It is from numberless diverse acts of courage and belief that human history is thus shaped.

Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current which can sweep

down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance." This statement seeks to inspire people to become better moral beings and to help form a society that could effectively deal with paramount issues. One might ask: why is such motivation lacking in much of our society, while it is prevalent in past generations?

Why do many of us just work for mediocrity and self-gain? Again, the only way to combat this indifference is through a combined effort that will help create a long-lasting effect that will change the very world we live in. People must be kinder and more respectful to one another. If we can promote such an attitude on the Muhlenberg campus, we can help create a trend towards the formation of a better future.

In analyzing these various human elements, it is also vital to understand that the average person is characterized by several different roles, or responsibilities, throughout one's life. For instance, I am a student, friend, brother and son. It is important to act in the most upright and honorable manner during each stage in this developmental cycle.

We face several challenges and obstacles in the course of these time periods, however. Sometimes, we are successful in conquering these problems; other times, we may fail, and we may even disappoint those who may be the closest to us. It is important to analyze and learn from these gains or losses in order to have a better future. A decent person can look back on his/her life and make decisions that will better the lives of those living around him/her.

The overall objective of this article is not to promote a "perfect" society without problems, this utopia will never exist. I only wish that we self-reflect and think about helping others to create a better community. This initiative is very important, as many of us may have forgotten (or lost sight) of this elemental aspiration of mankind.

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World News & Politics

Joe Caporoso
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

North Korea must have needed some attention. The headlines of Iranian nuclear proliferation, and America's continued involvement in the Middle East, must have made the backwards nation feel left out. Their leader, Kim-Jong II, needed to remind America that its problems weren't just in the Middle East. Yes, in North Korea, making a statement of power is more important than the millions of starving people or the crumbling economy.

On October 9th, North Korea successfully tested a nuclear weapon. Recent tests by America on the radioactive content of air samples taken confirmed the nuclear explosion did take place. Despite the explosion being significantly smaller than North Korea claimed, it is still unsettling

that such an unstable and hostile nation has any nuclear capabilities.

America's hands seem to be tied in how to respond to North Korea. The recent U.N. resolution that was passed, fails to really harm the country's infrastructure in a way that would convince them to stop nuclear activity. The resolution was limited due to the hesitancy of China and South Korea to impose any hard-hitting sanctions on a country that they have economic ties with. Until America can gain a united front with those countries that

actually do deal with North Korea, U.N. sanctions are going to fall short of their desired goals.

Military action on such an unstable nation with nuclear capabilities could prove disastrous to America or any of its allies in the region, most notably Japan. With the U.N. lacking effectiveness and military action not plausible at the time, America might need to look into re-opening a diplomatic relationship with North Korea. If we can get North Korea to re-join multi-national talks with us and other nations in the region, we may be able to limit any new nuclear activity. America may be able to concede a few economic bans to North Korea in exchange for North Korea re-joining the Nuclear Non-Proliferation treaty.

Taking such a conciliatory stance with North Korea may sound passive and ineffective. Yet, North Korea is led by a desperate government. Their country is on the verge of falling apart. The lack of money and more prominently, the lack of natural resources to support its population, is eventually going to lead to the government's overthrow. A desperate government with nuclear capabilities must be handled in a delicate way.

Outside of America's responsibilities is the necessity for China and South Korea to cut off North Korea. They are putting their own people in danger by appeasing such a radical government in possession of nuclear weapons. These nations have the power to end whatever infrastructure is left in North Korea by cutting off complete diplomatic and economic ties, until North Korea agrees to give up its nuclear program. They are in positions to put North Korea's back against the wall, because their government can't survive without economic ties to those nations. Our government needs to focus on persuading these nations to stand firm with us against North Korea, because once we have complete unity on the issue with them, we can truly end a nuclear North Korea.

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PRIORITIES | FROM PAGE 2 by learning – whether its how to prevent a hangover or how to prevent an economy from dropping into a recession. Being shoved into a new environment makes many of us care more about how comfortable we are in our home environment (the dorm life) than our successes (schoolwork). Therefore, I understand that it's important when you're a freshman to go out on a Tuesday night or stay up to see the sunrise because you gain a familiarity with your surroundings and a sense of those new freedoms.

Yet shouldn't it say "You have one year to be irresponsible?" Many at Muhlenberg have their parents pay for them to attend here – one of the biggest gifts our parents will ever give us. However, there are those who just ignore college as an academic institution and believe that work is a byproduct of the annoying part called class and that real college doesn't begin until 9:00 at night.

These "life lessons" seem to be only prevalent in American colleges and

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after studying in Europe it is easy to see why. European university students (their college is what we call high school) come dressed to class in their best clothes – the men wear shirt and ties and the women wear skirts or appropriate pants. They seem to care more about academic learning than having a particularly active social life. American college life is much more relaxed yet still intense, college is supposed to be a learning experience in every moment.

While I am obviously not against an active social life it seems that American students are forgetting why we choose to go to college – to make us more intellectually, culturally, and socially refined so we can pursue the careers and goals in life that we believe in. We live privileged lives of comfort and there are those who don't want to let those cozy, safe, sometimes affluent surroundings to disappear so they delay as long as possible by living the American college mantra of irresponsibility. I feel sorry first for the parents who pay so much for such minimal return. But I have lost sympathy for those who choose not to class because college is a great life experience, but life really only begins after college and what foundation are you providing for yourself if you wake up too hung over to go out into life. A successful life is about balance and improving yourself and that should be a real mantra in college.

Preparation for the zombie nation

Max Lux
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

The Devil You Know is normally what I would like to call a 'topical advice column'; a thousand words or so a week in which I attempt, by sharing my views on the world in a no-holes-barred, painfully blunt manner, to instill a lust for life into our normally detached and pessimistic student body (or mistakenly insult veterans). For example, this week's planned topic of discussion was 'The Godzilla Syndrome: How Tokyo's favorite son teaches us the dangers of nuclear proliferation'. Topical? Yes. Offbeat? Yes. Bound to tick at least one person off? Oh hell, yes. However, in the course of preparing for this article, I was informed of a far more serious, far more immediate danger than atomic-lizard-allegories, one that literally shocked me into the editorial frenzy in which I currently find myself: the threat of zombie armageddon. Yes, you may laugh, still clinging to your old, outmoded ideas of the living dead as creatures of pure fiction, relegated to the celluloid fantasies projected onto multiplex screens across the country at this time of year. You may do that, or you could face the reality of the situation: Zombies are a immediate and potentially devastating threat to our world. Do you know what to do, in the case of an invasion of the living dead? Are you prepared for the inevitable nights of horror and chaos that could tear our campus asunder in the event of even a mild infestation of the reanimated? Well, luckily for you, I'm here to help.

Your typical 'zombie', (or 'Individual Experiencing Undeath' if you want to be politically correct) can be difficult to identify, due heavily to their physical diversity. A 'zombie' is any human being (animals are as-yet-unaffected, inexplicably) who, through means of an as-yet-unidentified virus, has returned from death to feed on the flesh of the living. Therefore, their variance in appearance is only limited to the diversity of the infected area (insert joke about Muhlenberg's diversity here.) While the smell and visible symptoms of decay would certainly give away those individuals already undergoing advanced decomposition, 'fresh', newly-turned

humans may look nearly identical to a living human. These key characteristics to look for in a individual you suspect may be among the living dead will assist you in your decision to either run to your friends or loved ones, or run from them. If their skin is pale, greenish or white, their pupils are milky and unfocused, and their mouth open, frothing or caked in blood, then you can be positive the individual is no longer among the living. Their posture may be slumping, and they may move about at a mindless shuffle; most likely there will be no apparent cognition, although they may respond to loud noises. While these characteristics may seem to indicate that a large population of the college's students are already the dead reanimated, I can assure you that this is, most likely, not the case.

Now that you know how to identify a zombie, here are some tricks for avoiding them. Due to a loss of almost all muscle control, as a result of tissue necrosis, your average undead individual is

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incredibly slow and relatively weak; but for what they lack in speed and power, the living dead make up for in sheer numbers. While evading one pursuing zombie in Parents Plaza is relatively simple, imagine the difficulty of avoiding, say, twenty of the ravenous beasts in the same area. Not so easy, is it? The best bet is to be aware of your surroundings, so as to prevent the potentially deadly effect of zombie 'swarming'. Stay clear of tight corridors and never enter an area where the zombie concentration is greater than two zombies per 20 square meters. The 'zombie virus' or *cannibalis necroticus* is transmitted through bites or scratches received from the assailants. If any of their blood gets inside your body, you are automatically infected. First aid for a zombie bite

or scratch is as follows: there is no first aid for zombie bites or scratches. There is no known cure at this time for the virus, and depending upon the severity of the injury/infection, you will become one of the walking dead in a matter of minutes-to-hours. If any of your friends, roommates or significant others have been bitten, scratched or bled upon by a member of the zombie hordes, calmly excuse yourself from their presence, and immediately evacuate the area. If you are in class, and the professor appears to have sustained a zombie-related injury, it is polite to remain in class for the duration, unless the situation becomes critical.

So, the campus has been infected and you've barricaded yourself within your dorm room or house. All the windows and doors are locked, and you've got a full assortment of food and water from Giant. You're safe, right? Wrong. The living dead are notorious for turning even the most seemingly impregnable fortresses into bloodbaths of death and destruction, and so great efforts must be taken in order to zombie-proof your dwelling. First off, a proper location is essential. Got a brick house with few windows, or a room on the third floor, protected with a thick oak door? Perfect. Windows, even when boarded up, can still be penetrated by even a small number of the hungry undead, and so should be avoided in choosing a home. Make sure to have a car in close proximity, in order to ensure quick escape, should the situation escalate beyond control, or you run out of supplies. All members of your surviving party must be equipped with a weapon at all times: remember-blunt force or explosive trauma to the brain is the only thing proven to take down the undead with any kind of finality. So strike hard and fast to the head.

There you have it, a very basic guide to surviving the first few days of the Zombie Apocalypse. Aim high, live low and pray to God that it will all be over soon. And one last thing: friends don't let friends eat other friend's brains.



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Speaker addresses the College about Mental Health Awareness using his own personal experiences

By Alicia DiCristina
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

On Wed., Oct. 18, renowned campus speaker Ross Szabo, the Director of Youth Outreach for the National Mental Health Awareness, spoke to a full Miller Forum about the growing need for more communication within the college community about the link between alcohol abuse and mental health. Szabo's talk, entitled *Mixed Drinks and Mixed Emotions: Alcohol Abuse and Mental Illness*, took place at 8:00 p.m. in Miller Forum and was

sponsored by the Greek Office of Affairs.

Ross Szabo grew up in the Allentown area and graduated from American University with a degree in Psychology in 2002. He has spoken to over 500,000 young adults and has received numerous honors

as a youth speaker, including the honor of being named the 2006 Rising Star Speaker by *Campus Activities Magazine*. Szabo aims to bring a message of inclusion to those he speaks to, especially when it comes to mental health issues. According to Szabo, one of the main goals of his presentation is to "remove common stereotypes that are present in society about mental health issues."

Szabo spoke at some length about common mental issues that are present on college campuses including social anxiety disorder, lack of sleep and depression.

Szabo used experiences within his own life to demonstrate the need for increased communication among students. Szabo recollected that,

as a sixteen year old diagnosed with bipolar disorder, alcohol served as a form of self medication that intensified the effects of his disease and led to even more health problems. According to Szabo, "seven out of ten people who abuse alcohol have a reoccurring mental

health issue." These individuals often use alcohol as "a form of communication."

Szabo spoke at some length about common mental issues that are present on college campuses including social anxiety disorder, lack of sleep and depression.

Andrew Gutterson '08 said, "I think he did a great job. His message was clear and he kept the audience completely engaged. He has the right mix of seriousness and comedy."

The message of the presentation was ultimately uplifting. During the second half of his speech, Szabo turned to the subject of change and the need for each person to accept who they are. "I had to learn to like myself," said Szabo in regards to his struggle to overcome the labels placed on him by other people and by himself. Szabo went on

to say that "you don't have to be a victim of your past."

His ending message was to "change this self destructive youth culture" with a call to "embrace what makes you different, embracing what makes you an individual." Students responded favorably to Szabo's presentation.

"Ross was honest and straightforward about mental illness and was able to relate to students in order to diminish the stereotypes associated with mental illness."

Stephanie Hacker '07

After the presentation, Elizabeth Pendley '08 stated, "He was a very entertaining speaker who made a serious talk more relatable. I thought the way that he brought in episodes from his own life was useful because it gave the listeners a sense that he really felt strongly about what he was talking about." Stephanie Hacker '09 responded, "Ross was honest and straightforward about mental illness and was able to relate to students in order to diminish the stereo-

types associated with mental illness."

During his speech, Szabo stated, "The goal of this presentation is to empower you. I don't believe on scare tactics." Szabo was able to do just that. His ease of manner and outgoing personality helped his powerful message to resonate with those present.

Ashley Morrissey '08 said, "I thought his presentation was really powerful because he was able to relate to the students and didn't just go on stage and give a boring lecture."

Meghan Shober '08, learned a great deal from Szabo's talk and even took something worthy out of it. She said, "I think it's important that people know they can talk about their problems. If someone is dealing with a difficult issue in their life, they should get it out in the open before turning to drugs or alcohol as a coping mechanism. There is nothing to be ashamed of by admitting you have a problem."

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CANS

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drive were done by the Sodexho Company," said Henry. "All of the displays and marketing materials were done for me, which was a big help."

Another big help to the drive was the involvement of the College's Sodexho employees. "The Dining Services staff did a great job with bringing

in extra canned items that they had around their houses," said Henry. "I asked them to give what they could and they really came through."

In order to qualify to break the Guinness Record, Sodexho campus managers

have to follow a very stringent list of instructions. "I have pages and pages of instructions that I have to follow, including witness statements that have to be submitted along with the results," said Henry. "Also, I had to number, itemize

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and weigh all of the cans that were donated."

Although the task of following all of the instructions was difficult, Henry is glad that the cans are being

donated to a good cause. "The cans have been taken to the Second Harvest Food Bank here in Allentown," he said. "It's good to know that local food shelters and food banks are receiving these items."

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Rabbi Wascow lectures students and members of the community

By Julie Eisen
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

On Mon., Oct. 23, the College welcomed the peace-promoting voice of Rabbi Arthur Waskow to an audience composed of mostly Lehigh Valley locals. The lecture was the first of the Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding's forum series entitled "Echoes From The Fog", which will focus on the timely Arab-Israeli-Palestinian conflict throughout the semester.

Rabbi Waskow's lecture focused on violence and the teachings of Jewish law with relation to the war in the Middle East. Following his lecture, Dr. Hartley Lachter, Director of the College's Jewish Studies program, and Dr. Kelly Denton-Borhaug of Moravian College responded to Waskow with questions. After he responded to the local scholars, the floor was given to the public, with a question and answer session.

Not your average Rabbi, Waskow, 73, sported a long white beard with a bright pink tunic, Teva sandals and a woven rainbow-colored yarmulke. Coming from the Jewish Renewal Movement, a controversial new sect of Judaism that integrates mystical,

Hasidic, musical and meditative practices into modern Jewish practices, Waskow's values lean towards the religious Left. With a PhD in United States history, a background in politics and a plethora of published work, the Rabbi brought a broad range of knowledge

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Adrian Shanker '09

to his religious and ethical dissection of the recent re-ignition of the Middle East crisis.

Adrian Shanker '09, an instrumental force in bringing Waskow to the College, explains, "Active members of the Jewish community know who he is either because they love or because they hate him."

Waskow's lecture concentrated on how the religious wars compete against the core teachings of the religions at hand. Staying within the frame of Judaism, he brought up the principle, "Love your neighbor as yourself," say-

ing sending love does not necessarily assure receiving it back, but sending hate will almost guarantee hostility and possibly war.

As a religious leader and scholar, Waskow discussed his opinion on the hypocrisy in Israel's constant state of readiness for attack. Though he acknowledged the need for a military always at hand, he said that Israel's dependency on its military is like an "addiction" which can be related to idolatry, a highly forbidden practice in a monotheistic religion like Judaism. Many of his analysis of the Talmud, the source of Jewish law, with relation to the Middle East could be applied to any relationship, whether between nations or individual people.

Emphasizing honesty and communication, he said, "If you don't talk, what you get is war."

As expected, Waskow did not lay out a game plan to achieving peace, but his words were optimistic and provocative. Commenting on the exclusiveness of our own College's Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding, Waskow said he looked forward "to the day when it's the Institute for Jewish-Christian-Muslim relations."



Rabbi Waskow, shown here, stirs up some controversy with his speech about the Middle East.

PHOTO BY PETER PETIT

Federal Law may impact Education Program at the College

By Eric Feld
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

No Child Left Behind, a federal law enacted to improve the performance of primary and secondary schools, may soon have a major impact on the College, as well. Legislators across the country are scrambling to pass new education laws in an effort to attract federal funding from No Child Left Behind. If state lawmakers support a controversial bill requiring changes for teacher certification, professors and students are worried that the college could ironically be left in the dust.

The bill (Chapter 49-A) drafted over a year ago would require the College's education department to conform to changes in teacher certification. Whereas the college currently offers elementary education certification for teaching kindergarten through 6th grade, new regulations would split the certification into an early childhood pro-

gram (kindergarten through 3rd grade) and an elementary/middle school level program (4th through 8th grade.) Additionally, the education department would have to increase coursework in the areas of English language learning and special education. All such changes would affect the class of 2012 and thereafter.

In compliance with No Child Left Behind, the bill requires the state to only accept highly qualified teachers for certification. Because teachers would have to specialize in core academic areas such as English, science, foreign language, math and others, candidates for certification could no longer major in psychology, sociology, communication, dance or theater.

"Our department is heavily against this," said Dr. Michael Carbone, Chairman of the Education Department. "There will probably be a teacher shortage in grades four through

eight."

Susan Byrne, Director of Student Teaching, added, "We want them (Penn. Department of Education) to say this split does not make any sense. Why does third grade preparation have nothing to do with fourth grade preparation? In reality, fourth has nothing to do with eighth."

Proponents of the Chapter 49-A primarily work within early education departments. If enacted, the new bill will require schools to specifically hire people with early education certification. Some opponents, however, speculate that Governor Rendell's office may be behind the legislation. Donna Cooper, Secretary of Planning and Policy on Governor Rendell's executive staff, most recently served as Executive Director of Good Schools Pennsylvania. Cooper has been a longtime proponent of early education programs.

Carbone and Byrne have twice testified before state

education committee members. For the legislation to be rejected, it must first be placed on the agenda. Should the bill not be reviewed, it would become policy. Though Carbone and Byrne have attempted to meet with state legislators, there is little hope that the issue will go before the House and Senate committees on education anytime soon because of statewide election campaigning. House Education Committee members Karen Beyer (R-Bethlehem) and Richard Grucela (D-Nazareth) have responded to the college only that the issue is in committee.

"Our sense is that they won't act on it and that it will just become policy," said Carbone. "This issue has not been high on their agendas and there is just not much discussion."

The Education Department on campus currently includes about 230 students. Though large universities such as Penn State have sizeable enough

departments to cope with the changes, liberal arts institutions face a major bind.

"For the disruption this causes in elementary school grades, it won't show an improvement in middle school grades," Carbone fears.

Carbone and Byrne anticipate a tremendous increase in coursework to an already sizeable load. The department, though, cannot be specific, as they have not been handed standards. The Penn. Department of Education has not mandated particular courses for the college to offer.

"It's better to prepare teachers with the knowledge of how to teach broader grade ranges so that the teachers can better understand where their students have been and where their students are going," commented Rachel Eisenberg '08. "If there are three separate certification programs,

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On Sunday, October 22, 2006, Phi Sigma Sigma participated in the Greek Community Clean-Up program. Seventy sisters enthusiastically helped to clean up garbage and waste in the Allentown area surrounding the college, collecting 19 large bags full of litter. Members encountered many citizens living in the neighborhood who were extremely appreciative of the project. This endeavor provided Phi Sig, and will provide the rest of the Greek community, with a great opportunity to give back to the local area, beautify the locality and build stronger and more positive bonds with our community neighbors whom we interact with on a daily basis. We really enjoyed being a part of this wonderful project.

Compiled by Stephanie Hacker



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the teachers in one of the programs will not be as knowledgeable of how and what the students will be learning or what they did learn in their other grades. The teachers will then know less about their students as developing learners."

"Under the new system, it seems that it would be difficult to train teachers to be effective in the classroom

when there are large discrepancies in cognitive development between a fourth grader and an eighth grader," noted Abigail Klein '08. "Teachers who are trained to teach elementary school would potentially be thrown into seventh or eighth grade classrooms where they would not be well prepared."

On Nov. 8, the Education

Department will hold an information session for area superintendents to inform them of certification changes. At the session, the college will ask the superintendents to contact state representatives and senators to have them place Chapter 49-A on the agenda. The college has made it their goal to push for a review of the bill by Jan. of 2007.

Ohio is currently the only state with a teacher certification requirement law like Pennsylvania has proposed. In 2005, Governor Jon Huntsman (R-Utah) signed a law that would allow districts within the state to ignore complying with No Child Left Behind; however, the Department of Education has threatened to withhold funding to such districts.

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Correction Box

A phrase in the article on Rabbi Saperstein from the Oct. 12 issue read "fighting the comprehensive immigration bill" when it should have read "fighting for comprehensive immigration reform." We apologize for this error.

Muhlenberg's International Relations Council "Airs Out Burma's Dirty Laundry"

By Kim O'Brien
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Students walking through the College may have noticed an unusual array of facts and clothing hanging in Parents' Plaza early this week. What students witnessed was "Airing Out Burma's Dirty Laundry," Muhlenberg International Relations Council's (MIRC) first global awareness project of the year. MIRC is a newly founded forum on campus seeking to promote student awareness on key international events. "We wanted to open up a forum for international studies majors, but really, for anyone that's interested in global events," stated Katie Hesselink-Hicks '07, who serves as a group trustee along with fellow founders Meaghan Courtney '07, Brian Galgano '08 and Libby Hill '07. Dr. Hashim, Assistant Professor of Political Science, serves as the club's advisor.

Breaking the Muhlenberg bubble is one of MIRC's key objectives. This week's Burma awareness project

did just that, giving students a glimpse of the regions little-publicized war crimes and civilian brutality. They want to relay that more international concern is needed in the country, also known as Myanmar, regarding the political instability, widespread

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human rights violations and vast displacement of civilians.

Human Rights Watch reports show estimates of 650,000 internally displaced people in the country, as well as the military capture and destruction of over 240 villages. Forced labor, executions and defiance of international human right standards are disturbingly commonplace in the country. Burma's location (it borders India, Bangladesh, China, Laos

and Thailand) also makes it an ideal hotspot for drug trafficking, and government corruption has grown worse with each year.

MIRC members braved the autumn cold to sit outside and publicize the dire situation abroad and show the small steps that people can take to better the situation. The college students and staff had the opportunity to sign a petition to the Secretary-General decreeing for the U.N. Security Council to address the Burma situation. "We want to spread awareness on campus, get some active discussions and get people to pay more attention," stated Hesselink-Hicks.

MIRC's motto asserts that they are "Dedicated to the pursuit of global awareness and promoting critical thinking and debate." Although this month's targeted area was Burma, members hope to focus on different world regions of concern throughout the semester. "We're just trying to spread global awareness," summarized Hesselink-Hicks.

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sent Life Support Units and assisted in transporting the victims to the Lehigh Valley Hospital Intensive Trauma Center. The Medical Director also responded with medical treatment for the victims.

Once the live victims were transported to the hospital and it was clear that the victim who went through the windshield was dead, the drunk driver was arrested by Campus Safety for driving under the influence of alcohol. She kicked and tried to fight her way out of the handcuffs, but ended up driven away in the Campus Safety vehicle.

Polk said the drill "will help our personnel develop our teamwork skills so we can better respond to large-scale medical emergencies on campus while working with these agencies as part of a team."

This demonstration clearly had a large turnout. Its premise was to show students the possible consequences of drinking and driving was quite clear. Hopefully, stu-

dents will take this demonstration into consideration before they get behind the wheel of the car after drinking.

Polk explained that "MCEMS members performed well in this drill and received compliments from our medical director, Dr. Marc Lewbart, who was in attendance, and the paramedics from Allentown EMS and Cetronia Ambulance Corps. I am confident that this drill was beneficial for all MCEMS personnel involved and I also hope that its message was received by the College's students."

This event was planned accordingly to go in conjunction with the Counseling Center's Choice Week.

Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety and Security said, "We do it at the end of Choice Week right before the weekend so that the students can make a choice whether they want to drive intoxicated or not. The whole week was devoted to alcohol. I think students got to see the different aspects of emergency management. It was an educational process for everyone. Faculty and staff were there, too."



A drunk driving accident was staged in the front circle of Seegers Union.

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Campus Safety Notes

Oct. 9 - Sexual Assault - A student reported a sexual assault which occurred in July.

Oct. 10 - Animal Complaint - A dog was found in the Delta Zeta house and was not removed when asked.

Oct. 10- Sick Student - A student on the second floor of Walz Hall had a high fever, but refused medical treatment.

Oct. 11 - Sick Student - A student on the second floor annex of Prosser Hall reported light-headedness and nausea, but refused medical treatment.

Oct. 11 - Motor Vehicle Accident - One student backed into another car in the front drive.

Oct. 11 - Harassment by Communication - A student reported being harassed by another student.

Oct. 12 - Theft of Services - In the Seegers Union bookstore, a non-student wrote a bad check for \$425.25. The individual was arrested.

Oct. 12 - Harassment - A student reported being harassed about her religion by another student.

Oct. 14 - Suspicious Activity - A non-student was using computers and large amounts of paper in the Trexler Library and was verbally advised to stay off the College property.

Oct. 14 - Disorderly Conduct - A librarian reported a fight between another librarian and a non-student. The non-student was gone before the officer arrived.

Oct. 14 - Underage Alcohol - Seven students in the Prosser Hall annex basement were referred to the Judicial Process for underage consumption of alcohol.

Oct. 14 - Institutional Vandalism - The glass door in the Prosser Hall annex basement was smashed either by a fist or by a rock.

Oct. 14 - Suspicious Person - On North 22nd Street, a non-student was arrested for drug possession, public drunkenness and drug sale/manufacturing. Officers found him intoxicated and called the Allentown Police Department. Eleven bags of marijuana were found.

Oct. 15 - Harassment by Communication - A student reported being harassed by

the same individual as before about her religious beliefs. The individual was referred to the Judicial Process.

Oct. 15 - Injured Student - A student had a knee injury and was transported to St. Luke's Hospital.

Oct. 15 - Underage Alcohol - One individual was referred to the Judicial Process for a bottle of alcohol in his/her room on the first floor of Prosser Hall.

Oct. 16 - Harassment - A female student in Prosser Hall reported being harassed by her ex-boyfriend, another student.

Oct. 16 - Stolen Property - A resident of Allentown living on 2202 Gordon Street, rented a pig roaster in early September and never returned it. It must be returned or files will be charged.

Oct. 16 - Theft - A student's iPod was stolen out of his room.

Oct. 17 - Harassment - Two students in Martin Luther Hall were harassing each other. They were both referred to the Judicial Process.

Oct. 18 - Injured Student - A student injured his/her right knee in the training room of the Life Sports Center. The student went to the health center.

Oct. 18 - Robbery - A student was confronted by two Hispanic women aged 18-21 and one Black male aged 18-21 on Albright Street. Before giving up his cell phone, the student hit one of the robbers in the nose. The individuals were arrested by the Allentown Police Department.

Oct. 19 - Noise Complaint - At 2018 Washington Street, an individual was given a disruptive conduct report for loud noise.

Oct. 20 - Motor Vehicle Accident - A Sodexo employee hit a vehicle in the Seegers Union Parking Lot.

Oct. 22 - Injured Student - A female student living on 407/409 North 23rd Street hit her lip on her TV stand, causing it to bleed.

Oct. 22 - Suspicious Person - A truck with headlights on was found at Liberty Street. It turns out that it was the truck of a friend visiting someone at 25th and Liberty Street.

Oct. 22 - Underage Alcohol - Students were referred to the Judicial Process for turning over garbage cans in Seegers Union.

Oct. 22 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off on the first floor of Prosser Hall due to burnt popcorn.

Oct. 22 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off on 2442 Tilghman Street due to cooking in the kitchen.

Oct. 22 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off on 2243 Liberty Street due to cooking.

Oct. 22 - Suspicious Person - Three males on North Lehigh Street approached a female student and said, "We need to talk to you." Two of the males were Black and one was Hispanic. They were all tall and wearing dark jackets. The student ran into her friend's house. The incident is still being investigated.

Oct. 23 - Theft - A student's laptop was stolen from the General Quarters area.

Oct. 23 - Fire Alarm Sounding - The fire alarm went off in Brown Hall due to burnt popcorn on the second floor.

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Life!

"Life is a great big canvas, and you should throw all the paint on it you can."

-- Danny Kayenn

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The Center for Sustainable Energy in Lehigh Valley set up a station at the Chill Out as a way to show students alternative options for energy.

By Victoria Davis
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Living here on the College campus, we all seem to live in a separate, safe little world, sheltered and a bit disconnected. Muhlenberg's Environmental Action Team, EnAcT, sets out to link students back with at least a part of the real world and back to issues that effect people on a global scale.

"We're all in this together," read the banner hanging proudly in the Garden Room on Sun, Oct. 22, as EnAcT hosted their Great Muhlenberg Chillout 2006. The Great Chillout united the Muhlenberg community as it addressed the very serious issue of global warming.

EnAcT member Alex Denning '09 said, "The main goal of The Great Chillout was to raise awareness for global warming and to encourage people in the Allentown community to do their part." Students could do their part as they entered the Great Room in Seegers by signing petitions to be sent to the House and to the Senate at the "Get Political" table, or by simply potting a plant or two.

Different "stations" placed around the perimeter led students through the Great Room, offering different activities, ideas and information. Students could take the Ecology Footprint Quiz online to find out how many "earths" it would take if every person in the world lived the same lifestyle as them. For most stu-

dents, the quiz culminated in a short string of miniature planet earths, indicating that it would take more than one planet to accommodate them and those hypothetical people who use up the same amount of space and energy as they do.

After shaking off the somewhat disturbing quiz results, students could check out the "Green Merchandise" table, or read for more information at other numerous stations.

Not to be forgotten were the bands that made appearances at the event. Several bands took turns hitting the stage, and all were extremely enjoyable.

Diversity was key as the sound of drums, guitars, saxophones and violins flooded Seegers. Each band had their own unique sound. The center of the room was filled with chairs where students

could sit, listen and take in the projected landscape images that appeared on large screens behind the bands.

Others listened while roaming, or even snapping pictures with the Muhlenberg Mule who made an appearance. The event lasted from 4:00 p.m.

until 7:00 p.m., and people flowed in and out, but the room remained fairly full, inviting, and energetic throughout the evening.

Across the hall, the Garden

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The Green Merchandise Table, one of the stations at the Chill Out, offered students environmentally friendly products.

PHOTO BY VICTORIA DAVIS

Saturday night sneak peak at the College's newest talent

By Luanne Linares
ASST. LIFE! EDITOR

On Sat, Oct. 14, after the majority of Homecoming activities had concluded, the college's many performance groups put on one last talent show to cap off the weekend.

A great variety of acts performed--comedy from the two hosts, Will Schmidt '08 and Christopher Scheer '07, music from all of the acapella groups on campus, including Girls Next Door Chai-monics, Noteworthy, InaChord, and the Dynamics, and different styles of dance from Copasetic Rhythms, the Perkulators and the Soul Sound Steppers.

In case some people had missed the half time show at the Homecoming game, the Perkulators and the Soul Sound Steppers repeated their earlier performances. Their dance steps were as stunning as they

were the first time around. The Soul Steppers even came back on stage for a freestyle encore piece.

As for the acapella groups, this was the first time this year that many of them were performing. Most groups introduced their new songs and new members through an array of new numbers or new arrangements.

The night began with InaChord, who introduced a new member and performed two new songs, the closing number sung by Brendon Votipka '09. This act was followed by Noteworthy's renditions of "The Gods love Nubia" and "Let the Sun Shine In," both featuring Donna Ward '09 and a new freshman soloist, Erik Fiebiger '10.

The Girls Next Door featured a new soloist, Megan Price '09, who wowed the crowd with her version of "Strong enough." Old favorites the Dynamics, performed two new songs

as well.

The night ended with a performance by the Chai-monics, Muhlenberg's Hebrew acapella group, who sang "You Raise Me Up." The only group missing from the night were the Acafellas, who from the exclamations of the largely female crowd, were sorely missed.

The singing was broken up periodically by short comedy skits; the most memorable was when the two hosts ran on to the stage screaming "We won the Homecoming game! YES! We beat Dickinson!" That skit drew more laughs than others because everyone knew that we had played and beat, Ursinus.

The hosts really tried to engage the audience and specifically asked how many alumni were in the house. Many of the recent graduates were only one or two years out of

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHAT IS THE BEST THING ABOUT HAVING A FAMILY MEMBER ON CAMPUS?



"There's someone to tell embarrassing stories about!"

- Katie Bemis '09 & Kelley Bemis '07



"He knows people around campus as well as the best classes and professors to take....and he has a car!"

- Jordan Sones '10 & Matt Sones '08



"We always have the same vacations."

- Penny Dunham, Associate Professor of Mathematics & William Dunham, Kochler Professor of Mathematics



"Plenty of Compatible Organs."

- Jon Kallen '10, Eli Kallen '09, Atom Kallen '07, Mary Beth Kallen, Learning Specialist



"The bank of dad is always near."

- John Dyer '07, Kent Dyer, Chief Business Officer & Treasurer, & Joe Dyer '10



"...Nothing."

- Ed Hartman '07 & Brenda Lakis, Campus Safety Lieutenant

Compiled by Kim Nguyen

AMC Weekend Listings



The Departed

Fri. 3:30, 6:45, 9:50
Sat. 3:30, 6:45, 9:50
Sun. 12:15, 3:30, 6:45

Flags of our Fathers

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Sun. 1:00, 4:30, 7:30

Open Season

Fri. 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
Sat. 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
Sun. 2:15, 4:40, 7:00

The Grudge 2

Fri. 4:50, 7:50, 10:15
Sat. 4:50, 7:50, 10:15
Sun. 1:50, 4:50, 7:50

Man of the Year

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 9:50
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Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

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Giving your lovin' isn't the only way to go

By Lily Hatfield
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNIST

Sex is something that is often on the mind of the typical American college student. Who is having it, where they are having it, in what positions and how often?

This obsession with the infamous activity can be all-consuming, and can often cloud your mind. Now, I am sure some of you are reading this and saying "well duh Lily, if you are having sex it's all you CAN think about and of COURSE it's going to make you do stupid things!"

Well, I am not talking to the people who have already done the deed. I am referring to the individuals who have not experienced intercourse, those who might have misconceptions as to what sex is all about because to be brutally honest, no one knows what it is all about. But we can try to figure it out here, and maybe save someone from making a huge mistake.

In high school, sex was exotic. It was rare, fun and dangerous. Only the cool kids had sex. Take for instance "American Pie." This movie's plot is based entirely around the idea of people wanting/trying to

have sex. If you were a girl in high school and you were dating your boyfriend for six months or longer, it was kind of expected that at some point you were going to have to give it up. The girls who had sex in high school were not as numerous as they are in college, and were seen as something to hold on to. Guys would stick around, for the promise of guaranteed sex.

Now in college, it seems that everyone has sex. You may have been the only kid in your high school to go all the way, but in college you are just a part of the mass of students all frantically trying to hump each other. Guys and girls can find just about anyone, anywhere on the weekends to screw around with: walking home from a party, GQ, passed out on your lawn, etc.

I've heard a lot of girls on this campus say that they feel that sex is almost "expected" of them here. They hook up with some random dude, or even if they have been hooking up with a guy only a few times and don't have sex, they are thought to be prude and will lose the guy.

I can't even believe I just wrote that sentence because the women on this campus need to know that it is the biggest load of bullshit. First of all, any guy (or girl to be fair) who demands sex at any time is not worth having sex with in the first place. Sex should never be expected of anyone. **It is still a big deal to have sex!** It's not like a kiss and it is not like a hand-job. Sex should

be treated with respect, and when you have sex, you should be doing it with someone who truly deserves to be experiencing it with you.

Some people think that if they haven't had sex, they can't relate to their friends when they talk about all the sex they are having. Although you may think it's a good idea, don't try to have more in common with your friends by sleeping with half of basketball team. You are friends with your friends for a reason, and the reason is not to talk about sex all day long. There are other things to talk about! Like, jeez, I don't know...books, movies, personal experience, you know that kind of stuff.

Your friends will respect you for not having had sex. You are not just

going around and sleeping with whoever comes your way. You care about your body, and for some people, you care about your spirituality. Strong convictions like these are admirable qualities, not something to be laughed at.

Lastly, your first time is something that will dictate a lot of your sexual future. What will you think about sex, if your first time was with some random guy/girl you met at a party when you were drunk? And when you woke up in the morning, you found she or he is gone and pee'd your bed? This could mess you up for a long time, resulting in years of therapy and one-night stands. Not to mention the physical (yes, I'm talking STDs) repercussions.

I'm not saying you have to wait until you find your soul mate, but make sure it's someone you will not be ashamed to think of in 10 or 20 years. Sex is special and important, no matter what anyone else may have to say about it, but having sex to fit in or be cool is so not. So don't let yourself be pressured into doing something you really don't want to do. Cherish this act and save it for someone who is worth sharing such a great gift with.

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Room was caught up in the environmental action as well. The windows were covered in artwork, and balloons advertised for the "Green Menu" that was being served. Featured dishes were prepared a bit differently than usual, as the food was organic.

Decorations carried on the theme as blue and green streamers dangled throughout, water bottles hung from the lighting that was unusually dim,

and plastic covered the plants that border the room. The effect was one of utter isolation, the garden room felt cold and uncomfortable, it did not give off the same atmosphere to the students anymore.

The purpose was to create an atmosphere of warning: what would the Garden Room look like without homey plants and bright lights? Forget the Garden Room, what would the world look like? It is a question that EpAcT does not shy away from, and neither should we.



This colorful sign attracted students to go check out the Chill Out Saturday afternoon in Seegers Union.

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Muhlenberg, but there were a few from 10 and 15 years ago, and even one faithful patron who had graduated thirty years ago. That sense of commitment to Muhlenberg after such a long span of time rendered everyone, including the hosts, speechless for a few moments, before the closing act. Hopefully the loyalty of these alumni will be inspirational to the College's current students.

Overall, the show was a great display of the eclectic mix of talent that Muhlenberg has to offer its students. Looking forward a bit, this event was a great and promising preview for the rest of the performances we are sure to see throughout the year.

Hopefully our performances brought back great memories by measuring up to, and even surpassing what our alumni remembered listening to when they were students over this Homecoming Weekend.



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Do you know what a soul cake is? Did you know that Halloween actually has a connection to the Christian faith?

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- This holiday was created to honor all the saints because there weren't enough days in the year to commemorate them all.

- The day before came to be known as "All Hallows Eve" which was later shortened to Halloween.

- Trick-or-Treating comes from medieval times when children went door to door asking for soul cakes (small cake-like desserts). When they got these soul cakes, the children would pray for a dead relative of the giver of the cake.

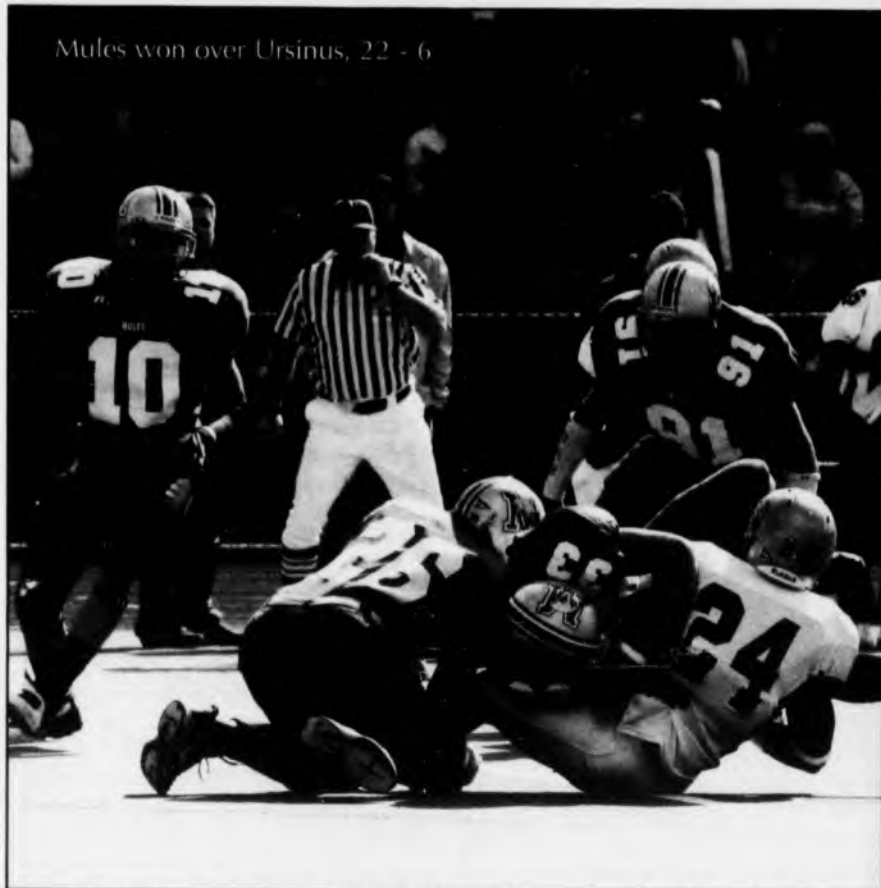
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Homecoming Weekend in Review

Mules won over Ursinus, 22 - 6



Dave Mazzola, Erik Snyder, Joel Haddock and Frank Emmett bring down the Ursinus ball carrier in the first half. The Mules defense was critical in holding off Ursinus' offense, allowing the Bears to score only one touchdown the entire game. Mazzola recovered a fumble and intercepted a pass, while Haddock recovered the Bear's only extra point attempt for a touchdown.

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Sophomore Forward Brendan Carroll fights for the ball.

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Mules lost to Dickinson, 1 - 3

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Volleyball finishes strong in final home game

By Brandon Mefford
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

All five seniors on the volleyball team woke up with a surprise. All their residences were decorated for the senior game, making them realize that their volleyball playing career is winding down. It was their last game at Memorial Hall and they wanted to make it a good one. They took on their Centennial Conference rival Swarthmore. Two of the seniors, Kate Haggerty and Monica Sella both set career highs in kills in the match. Haggerty had 21 kills while Sella had 14 kills. The team set a school record for a four-game match with 68 kills.

After dropping the first set 30-25, the Mules rallied to win the next three. Sella and Haggerty help out in the second set to start 10-1. Haggerty scored the last three points to end the set 30-20. The two continued their domination in the third game to pull off a 30-24. The last set was won 30-23.

The 21 kills moved Haggerty into fifth place on the Mules' all-year list with 944 for her career. All the seniors contributed to the win. Courtney Williams '07 notched five kills and Julia Lamborn '07, three. Kristin Caparro '07 recorded two service aces and a kill from the back row.

The future of Muhlenberg volleyball also looks bright. Freshman Liz Leslie had 13 kills, sophomore Danielle Losonci had 21 digs and sophomore Megan Eiser, who established career highs with 40 assists and 31 digs, all contributed.

When asked about the feelings the seniors had in their last game, Caparro responded, "I don't think it hit me until the last point of the last game. It was the first time we ever beat Swarthmore and to have all the seniors contribute to this one game was extremely emotional for me." Looking back their careers have been memorable. Sella said, "I was definitely two-stepping with all the girls in Texas. The chance to play volleyball there was probably a one time thing."

The team's record is 9-14 overall and 3-5 in the conference. They still have one more game to play this Saturday at Washington.



Mules dominate final home game.

Left: Freshman Liz Leslie slams the ball at Swarthmore defenders.

Right: Leslie and Senior Monica Sella set a great block.



PHOTO BY BECKY KOLPAK

Gazing into my College Football crystal ball...

By Zack Gugenheim
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Every year, I purchase numerous pre-season magazines and waste countless hours on espn, yahoo, and CBS Sportsline's websites to gather information to think about who will become the national champion, heisman winner, and conference champion. Taking a look at the first release of the Bowl Championship Series Standings, I realized one thing... this season has been completely different from seasons past.

National Title Picture: Original Prediction: Oklahoma vs. Auburn

The six BCS conference teams that are still undefeated are as follows: Ohio State, Michigan, Southern California, West Virginia, Louisville, and (dare I say it) Rutgers... yes, Rutgers. There are some one-loss teams still in the mix as well, including Auburn (maybe I can get one right), Florida, Texas, California, and Notre Dame. However, I must say, I am somewhat surprised by the teams that are still left. Ohio State lost nine starters on defense, and I thought they would

lose one in September. Michigan went 7-5 last year, and sure didn't look like a National Title team on paper. USC lost two heisman winners and a TD scoring machine. Texas had no Vince Young. And, again, I ask, Rutgers?! My point is this, the national title chase has been utterly confusing, and will continue to be until the final BCS standings in December. This is when either Ohio State or Michigan is eliminated, and the Three Big East teams (Rutgers, WVU, Louisville) take turns in knocking each other off, and Southern Cal will get into the meat of their schedule (Cal, Oregon, and Notre Dame). Through all this, I believe there will only be two undefeated teams left, and the pre-season guys will have one thing right: Ohio State will be number one.

National Title Prediction: Ohio State vs. Southern Cal

Heisman Trophy Race: Original Prediction: Adrian Peterson, RB, Oklahoma

So, what happened to the actual race? Every week, big time players have either put up less than flatter-

ing stats, gotten injured, or proved that they were just members of the Notre Dame hype machine. Here is a timeline to provide evidence: Week One, Michael Bush (RB, Louisville), who was the top returning scorer from last year, broke his leg. Oh, and Notre Dame QB Brady Quinn had an awful day against Georgia Tech. Louisville got smashed even further when heisman hopeful Brian Brohm (QB) went down for four to six weeks. Then all the rage was Dwayne Jarrett (WR/USC)... until he was hurt. Oh, and add Michigan WR Mario Manningham to the injury list as well... don't forget to also add Oklahoma Runningback Adrian Peterson. Did I mention Brady Quinn had a bad day against Michigan? Then there was Chris Leak (QB/ Florida), and yet, it's hard to give a heisman to a guy that is competing for playing time with a true freshman. We loved the guys from lesser known programs, Runningback Garrett Wolfe (Northern Illinois) was a great story... until he ran into the vaunted defenses of Temple and Western Michigan. Calvin Johnson (WR/

Georgia Tech) was superman until he had ZERO CATCHES against Clemson.

So... who is left? There is Mike Hart (RB/Michigan), but he isn't flashy enough to win the award. Steve Slaton (RB/West Virginia) is pretty flashy, but then again, I could be flashy against Eastern Carolina school of the deaf and blind. Ted Ginn (WR/Ohio State), but he has a better candidate throwing the ball to him. There is Ray Rice from Rutgers, but he isn't getting enough national attention. As good as those candidates are, the race has suddenly thinned out to one man head and shoulders above the rest, and it has been Quarterback Troy Smith (not Brady Quinn). He has the quality wins, the leadership, the ability to not make mistakes, and he's thrown a lot of Touchdowns. Did I mention he is doing that for a coach who would rather only be up by two touchdowns and then run out the clock? His stats aren't the greatest, but unlike most of the other candidates, he has not self-destructed.

Heisman Trophy Prediction: Troy Smith (QB/Ohio State)

Mules football suffer tough defeat to Johns Hopkins

By Alex Mangini and Ruwani Ganepola
ASST. SPORTS EDITORS

On Sat. Oct. 21, the Mules suffered a tough defeat at their away game in Maryland at Johns Hopkins. Eric Santagato's '09 26 yard run in the first play of the game led the team to their first down and gave them a promising start. However, the team was unable to get another down until the fourth quarter. Unfortunately, Hopkins managed to beat Muhlenberg with 40 total yards and two first downs, with a final score of 10-7.

Cornerback Cameron Ahouse '10 gave the team their only touchdown of the game in the fourth quarter. There was only 11:48 left in the game when he returned an interception. After a ninety-five yard run he was able to tie for the third-longest interception return in team history. He also set a school record with his interception returns, totaling 121 yards.

The Mules defense tried to prevent Johns Hopkins from gaining additional yards, however Johns Hopkins managed to total 244 yards. Dustin Good '08 and Kevin Ciccarello '08 had nine stops each. Teammate Tom Tarsitano '08 also assisted the Mules with twelve tackles. Chris Musselman '07 aided the team by breaking up a pass and having two sacks. Even with these strong efforts, Musselman and cornerback Joel Haddock '08 believe, "We didn't have a great full team effort and our offense didn't play up to the level they are capable of. The defense made some mistakes too, but we are trying this week to correct all the mistakes and look forward to a better outcome this upcoming weekend against Gettysburg."

Despite Saturday's setback, the team is working hard this week and remain optimistic about the upcoming games. Good Luck to the team this weekend and in the rest of the season!



Jason Bonder and Emily Aquila were crowned 2006 - 2007 Homecoming King and Queen.

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Muhlenberg Cheerleaders perform at the pep rally. Entertaining the audience with creative formations and tons of spirit, they increased the overall energy to help the Mules crush their opponents on Homecoming Weekend.

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Field Hockey wins home finale

By Alex Mangini and Ruwani Ganepola
ASST. SPORTS EDITORS

On Oct. 21 the Muhlenberg Field Hockey team had an important win against Swarthmore. The final score 3-1 marked a significant win for the Mules, because it was their last home game of the season. The team tied the school record with eight at home victories out of eleven total games.

Senior LisaAnn Polt's goal in the first 10:10 minutes of the game put the Mules in the lead. This goal placed her into the top ten for career points. Her total career points to date is 57. Then with 9:21 minutes left in the game, teammate Nicole Notarianni '10 scored a crucial goal. Jillian Duffy '08 scored the third and final goal for the Mules with a little over a minute left in the game. This was Duffy's eleventh goal of the season. Duffy goes on to say, "It felt really good winning it for the seniors, because it was their last home game. We came out really intense and put three goals in." Good Luck to the team with the upcoming away games and Centennial Conference!



Kate Moyer holds her own on defense, stealing the ball away from Swarthmore.

PHOTO BY BECKY KOLPAK

Family Weekend Sports Schedule

	Saturday
Football (3 - 3)	vs. Gettysburg @ 1:00 P.M.
Men's and Women's Cross Country	Centennial Conference Championships @ Dickinson
Field Hockey (9 - 6)	1:00 P.M. @ Washington (Md.) (Last Regular Season Game)
Women's Soccer (10 - 5)	3:00 P.M. @ Ursinus (Last Regular Season Game)
Men's Soccer (7 - 4 - 2)	12:00 P.M. @ Ursinus (Last Regular Season Game)
Volleyball (9 - 14)	1:00 P.M. @ Washington (Md.) (Last Regular Season Game)

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Men's Soccer double overtime thriller

By Josh Goldstein
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The Muhlenberg Men's Soccer team came into Saturday's home game against Gettysburg in a must-win situation. The Mules were 1-3 October and were 2 points back headed into the match against an almost certain playoff team. The first half was filled with great defense and many missed opportunities. Muhlenberg had at least three scoring chances in the first half and Gettysburg had some shots go off the post. The first half ended in a 0-0 tie and the excitement was just beginning. Early on in the second half, it was Gettysburg getting more chances but the Mule defense and goalie, Pete Bennett '08, were up to the challenge. Bennett saved a big shot on a Gettysburg attack just over ten minutes into the second half and followed it up by tipping the rebound of the cross bar to prevent Gettysburg from scoring. Bennett made another save just six minutes later on a 1-0 break away and then another two minutes later on a corner kick. Bennett said, "I got shot on early and got touches and the more touches I got the more confidence I get." Neither team was able to put the ball into the net until 12:05 left in regulation when Muhlenberg scored a goal called back because of offsidess. Neither team had any great chances until overtime. With the score still 0-0, the Mules headed to OT in a game they must win. With 6:06 left in the first overtime, Muhlenberg

scored a goal, again, by Karim Assous '08, but once again called back by an offsidess call. Bennett, once again, was called upon in OT and made a big save keeping the Mules chances alive and eventually forcing the second overtime. The second overtime was filled with many chances as Muhlenberg pressed needing a goal and the victory which allowed for some odd man breaks for the Bullets. Eventually, the Bullets got a corner kick that led to a scary loose ball. Bennett remained calm and was confident in his team and eventually was able to come out and grab the ball.

With just under 5 minutes left in the second overtime, Sophomore Steve Tenezapf forced a corner kick. Senior Blake Granell took the kick and placed a good one up towards the net. Brendan Carroll '09 went up with the goalie and was able to get his head on the ball, taking a bounce toward Greg Leischner '07 who got his knee on the ball which ended up in the goal with no offsidess call. The Mules had won the game. Reflecting on the game and the play of his goalie, Coach Sean Topping said, "Pete was big for us; He used all 6'5" tonight and even got a hand to the ball that went off the crossbar." The Mules, now 3-3-1 in the conference, have a good chance at making the playoffs, especially with their last two games against the bottom two teams of the Centennial Conference.

Women's Soccer wins six straight! Fifth straight shutout!

By Josh Goldstein
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

On Sat., Oct. 21, the Muhlenberg Women's Soccer Team (9-5 (5-3 in the CC)) hosted Centennial Conference opponent Washington College. The women had won their last five games, including four division games, putting them in a three-way tie for third place in the standings with Swarthmore College and Dickinson due to Muhlenberg's loss to Swarthmore (1-0) and victory over Dickinson last Wednesday (2-0). Muhlenberg needed this Senior Day win.

Muhlenberg got the scoring off early with a quick goal, corner kicked scored by Maura Hendsey '08, her first career goal. Muhlenberg quickly followed it up with another goal by Elana Rabinowitz '07, and took a commanding 2-0 lead. With 11:13 left in the first half, a hand ball was called against the Mules deep in the Muhlenberg zone and a free kick was awarded.

Washington College put a good shot on net and could have established some momentum for the rest of the half, really putting pressure on the Mules, however senior goalie, Shauna Henley, was able to make a big save. "I just tracked back as fast as I could," said Henley, when asked about the shot.

Henley would later get in and play some forward and even pick-up a yellow card. The second half started off with the Mules putting the game away almost immediately 34 seconds into the half. Senior Andrea Dello Russo scored a goal, putting the team up 3-0. This was followed by Kasey Hacker's '10 goal a little more than two minutes later, putting the Mules up 4-0, which would end up being the final score.

Since the start of October, the Mules have been 6-0 and have had five shutouts. Coach Leslie Benintend credited the women with exhibiting real dedication needed to turn the season around after early losses to Haverford and Swarthmore and needed to win the rest of the conference games for a playoff chance.

She also said that the leadership of the nine seniors has been instrumental in the success of the team as they had won a championship their freshman year and will be a big help in pulling everyone together for the last two games. They finish up Conference play on Sat. '28 at Ursinus, a game the women must win.



Elana Rabinowitz strips the ball away from Washington.

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The psychology of perfection

By Stacy Romascavage
FOCUS Editor

Perfectionism is a multi-dimensional personality style that is associated with a large number of psychological, interpersonal and achievement-related difficulties. This pattern of behavior can result in a large number of problems such as setting difficult but attainable goals. People who strive to be perfect have a constant lack of satisfaction regardless of their performance. Perfectionistic individuals require themselves to be perfect, leaving the individual feeling that he or she is a constant failure. They believe that they can always perform better, which evokes feelings of vulnerability and inadequacy.

Self-oriented perfectionism is the requirement for the self to be perfect. It is what we usually think of when we use the term perfectionism. Other-oriented perfectionism is the requirement that others (e.g. spouse, children, subordinates, other people in general) should be perfect. Finally, socially-prescribed perfectionism is the perception that others (e.g. one's parents, boss, people in general) require an individual to be perfect.

In addition to these three kinds of perfectionism that focus on a need to be perfect, there is also a kind of perfectionism that involves needing to appear perfect to others. The mass media plays a huge role in how people define perfection. Perceptions of perfection vary among different cultures. In the United States, the perfect female body is tall and skinny. However, in many other countries, womanly perfection is defined by curvy hips and softness. Celebrities and the media influence the public with their own warped version of the perfect body and lifestyle. When pictures of Paris Hilton are displayed on *Entertainment Tonight*, viewers look on in awe because she is 'perfect': tall, skinny, blonde, tan and super stylish. Viewers idolize these celebrities and their seemingly perfect worlds and try to mimic them. The parasocial relationship that viewers try to create with celebrities strongly implies how the viewers are not satisfied with their own lives.

Each kind of perfectionism is associated with different kinds of problems. For example, self-oriented perfectionism is associated with clinical depression, especially in the presence of achievement-related stressors (e.g. job or school related shortfalls). Studies showed that when self-oriented perfectionists experience some of these stressful events, they experience more severe and chronic depression symptoms. Self-oriented perfectionism has been associated with anorexia nervosa, prolonged elevations in cardio-vascular responses and interpersonal problems reflecting self-responsibility. Other-oriented perfectionism has been associated with relationship problems, such as poor marital satisfaction, sexual dissatisfaction and anger toward others. Socially-prescribed perfectionism has been associated with a variety of symptoms including, anxiety, depression, eating disorder symptoms and hostility. This dimension of perfectionism was found to predict suicidal thoughts, behaviors and serious suicidal attempts in adults and adolescents. Since perfectionism is a personality style, its treatment is rather intense and long-term. Recent research reports and clinical experience indicated that it takes a lengthy course of psychotherapy to see improvement.

Source: <http://www.psychologytoday.org/articles/pto19950501-00002.html>

Female figures throughout the twentieth century

1900's

Slenderness becomes fashionable. 'Ideal weight' and image is 5'4" and 140 pounds.



1920's

The thin flapper rises. Women bind their breasts to achieve a washboard profile.



1950's

A large bust line is considered attractive. Marilyn Monroe sets new standard for body image.



1970's

Slenderness becomes a new sign of physical attractiveness. Model, Twiggy, is responsible for starting this new image.



1980's

The slim look is still in, but bodies look more physically fit. Women begin to diet and exercise.



1990-present

Being slim and having large breasts is the current standard. Pamela Anderson is a prime example of this figure.

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American woman...

The average teenage girl might say that being five-foot-eleven and super-model-skinny is perfect. A high school senior might think that wearing Fendi sunglasses, with Louis Vuitton in one hand and the gorgeous, popular football quarterback in the other, is just heaven. Even the laid back lifestyle of college pressures girls to be absolutely perfect. The rise of "Desperate Housewives" and *The Stepford Wives*, leads middle-aged women to feel compelled to cook, clean, ferry children around and look like twenty-year olds while doing it. These empty lives we are forced to lead—what do they do to us by the time we are eighty? When you are lying on your death bed, will you be happy with the life you've led?

Society floods the perception of American women in all walks of life with what should be: the right things to watch and wear, the right ways to act and the right life to have. But does perfection even exist?

Perfection is apparent in the inherent imperfection of women. We can't walk around in four inch heels all the time, nor can we eat bagel bombs three times a day and expect to maintain a waistline.

The expectations of women have been handed down to us from Greek

mythology. As the ultimate symbol of femininity, Venus had many flaws and imperfections that are still attributed to women today. Jealousy, passion, deceit, sensuality, beauty and vulnerability are the things that are expected of us. Good or bad, right or wrong, stereotyped or not, they are expected.

No person is perfect, but the imperfections that exist within populations of women make them irresistible.



Lauren Beirne
Class of 10

Putting the icing on perfection

You can't help but smile when you see this apparatus so small, yet filled with such greatness. This muffin-like contraption, with the absolute fluffiness of moist cake, covered in just the right amount of frosting topped with colorful, happy sprinkles proves nothing could be more wonderful and, let's face it, *perfect*. Cupcakes transcend to all major holidays. No Halloween festivity is complete without orange frosted chocolate cupcakes with black spider-shaped sprinkles. On the fourth of July, vanilla cupcakes with red, white and blue sprinkles are more patriotic than we could ever be...and if you are really lucky, you'll get some sparkler candles. You don't even need a Valentine when you've got a cupcake with pink icing by your side.

You don't always need a holiday for a cupcake. Lucky for us here at Muhlenberg, the Garden Room and GQ have mastered the almighty perfection that is the cupcake. Waiting in the buffet line in the Garden

Room, things can start to look pretty bleak. You're thinking to yourself, "Is that meat-loaf?" "Are they seriously telling us *that* is steak?" For me, as soon as I spot those sprinkle-topped bakery goodies, I know things are about to look up. Sure, it's no balanced meal, but it makes me feel ten times better about anything that went wrong during the day. Taking a bite, I am transported back to birthday parties at miniature golf courses and grade-school holiday picnics. I am back in a simple and uncomplicated time. As the cupcake melts in my mouth, my problems at the moment also melt away with that one bite. It's pure perfection.



Hilary Levine
Class of 08

The joys of childhood

I believe that perfection is different for everyone. Some people think an ultimate dessert or a beautiful sunset on the beach is perfection. I don't believe that perfection is a thing, or an idea. I believe that it is a place where we can feel at ease without any worries in the world. For me, that carefree time was when I was a little girl many years ago.

Back in the day, I remember how I never understood why my parents were always stressed and busy. Now, as an adult, I can understand their stress. I understand the pressures of the outside world: pressure to pay bills on time, to go to work and to succeed in life. When I was a child, I didn't understand why my parents spent endless hours at work. I have come to realize that they were doing it so I wouldn't have to worry about anything. That is why I think childhood is perfection. There are no worries, except of course when deciding if Barbie should wear black or brown shoes on her date with Ken.

As children, we do not have many responsibilities or concerns such as school work or job related stress. A child's life is not dictated by a lengthy to-do list. I remember walks in the park with my family in the spring and sledding down hills during the winter. I remember roller-skating with my best friend in my family's small apartment. Back then, we didn't understand responsibility or the crippling effects of

stress. All we knew was how to have fun and enjoy life. Not a day goes by when I don't wish to be a kid again — free from responsibility and free to enjoy just living each day to the fullest.



Olga Skoropad
Class of 09

How do you define perfection?

Four students share what perfection means to them.

The divinity of shoes

It's really a toss up between dark chocolate and shoes, but I think the latter wins out in the what's-more-perfect war. I know many women out in this great big world share my view on the absolute impeccability of shoes. They aren't like the perfect pair of jeans, which in my own personal opinion is an urban myth. Shoes will fit you no matter what because, gloriously, they are made in half sizes. Why can't pants be in half sizes too, like 6.5 or 10.5? But this just adds to the great satisfaction many females discover in finding that perfect-fitting red patent pumps or ballet flats.

What's better, shoes are just about as customized as they come. Steve Madden has even revamped its website to show-off its new made-to-order options. Honestly, whether you're in the mood for some flirty bows or fall-inspired tweeds, you can find a pair of footwear to match your mood. I'm a New Englander myself with a soft spot for hiking boots, but that just makes slipping into twin stilettos that much more sweet.

There you are, strutting down academic row in your brand new kicks, feeling like you own the world and knowing that your feet look mighty fine. No one can knock you down from your Italian leather and open-toed high. The feelings shoes inspire are what make them so perfect. You could be in your flawlessly broken-in sneakers feeling comfy and stress-free, wedge espadrilles ready to play and give off some sass or towering over the masses in spikes. Either way, shoes are where it's at. For me, perfection comes in 9.5 with a platform heel and sleek black leather.



Sarah Smith
Class of 07

Media pervasiveness: It's not perfect

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What is the perfect body? *People* magazine dedicates an issue annually to the 'perfect body.' Readers are asked to identify attributes of celebrities that they deem perfect and a composite ideal celebrity body burgeons from the pages. Despite variance in responses, what emerges is a profile of svelte, ultra-thin, fantastically muscular bodies.

Consumers of celebrity culture are not surprised by this aforementioned tidbit. Photos of celebrities like Kate Bosworth, Jesse Metcalfe, Keira Knightley and Matt McConaughey are mainstays in magazines like *People*, *US Weekly* and *In Touch*. And the feature stories regularly celebrate their bodies, touting them as the best dressed, or sharing their exercise and weight loss secrets, which read like plugs for the billion-dollar fashion, fitness and diet industries; the double-entendre here, of the term 'industry' is that media messages are designed with the goal of maximizing profit, rather than serving public interest.

For years, there has been a growing body of research indicating that media exposure contributes to body

dissatisfaction, negative mood states and eating disorders pathologies. When asked about body type preferences, girls and boys as young as five show preferences for muscular mesomorphic body types and ectomorphic-thin body types respectively. Yet no scientific research has established a cause and effect linkage, for the current social standards of beauty for men and women are exerted by a variety of sources (e.g. parents, peers, toys).

However, scholars and even the lay public recognize a robust reciprocity between media and society, explaining why headlines in magazines abound weekly proclaiming "Anorexia runs in her family," "Skinny 911!" and "Crazy diets! Extreme Workouts!" My own research examined body image and attractiveness, determining that on prime-time TV programming, less than one percent of overweight and obese characters were considered attractive, compared to more than 38% of thin characters. And though there was no rating of 'perfection,' the most attractive TV characters were muscular and voluptuous, rather than lanky, average, stocky or obese.

Interestingly, just last week, the fashion industry made its first step toward rehabilitation and change in

media images, with Madrid Fashion Week officials declaring that to participate, models had to meet the 18.0 body mass index (BMI), a measure of body fat based on height and weight. The average model, who is 5'11" and 117 pounds has a 16.3 BMI; according to the National Institute of Health, a BMI falling between 18.5 and 24.9 is considered normal. Fashion designer Armani applauds this decision, and decrees that he only hires healthy models, blaming the media for fashion industry's obsession with ultra-thin women. So, this is progress, right?

We must recognize that media do not provide 'perfect' reflections of our bodies. Within public discourse, conversations abound that media mirror social reality. If this is the case, the mirrors are located in the fun house, where our faces and bodies are elongated, widened and distorted, yet provide some semblance of whom they belong to; after all, obesity is one of the largest public health crises facing our country. Additionally, although many people recognize that photographic techniques such as air-brushing, composite figures, editing and filters, and digital manipulation are regularly applied to a model's image, even perhaps those with the emaciated figures,

our sociocultural standards still routinely equate 'perfect' bodies with thinness and muscularity.

The 'perfect' body in media should be healthy and variable. And there is a trend in this direction with more plus sized models. However, I'd feel even more encouraged if plus-sized models were wearing plus-size clothing, rather than dress sizes 10-12. Also, social marketing and media advocacy programs targeted at youth can be efficacious in teaching them about body image disparagement, particularly if these lessons are

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reinforced in other institutional structures, like religion, education, the family and government. Then, perfect will be a state of mind, not a media construction.



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College student on the winning “army olympic” team

By Sara Horowitz
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The Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) is a four-year program of the United States Army present on college campuses to recruit commissioned officers. ROTC is a merit-based program that trains students during their four academic years at college. Once the program is completed, students (cadets) get commissioned as officers in the U.S. Army, earning the title of Second Lieutenant.

Ted Pribula '10, just started the program in August. Every morning, he wakes up at 4:00 a.m. in order to arrive at Lehigh University by 5:30 a.m. For the next two to three hours, he goes through physical training which consists of running, doing push-ups, etc. The program at Lehigh University is one of the best in the country. Pribula said, “Ever since I was a little kid, I always wanted to be in the army.” Pribula knew

ROTC would provide him that opportunity and applied for an ROTC scholarship which would pay his full tuition. Anyone can sign up with the ROTC program, granted they pass the physical test and they're enrolled full-time in college. However, only a few people get the scholarships.

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Ted Pribula '10

Once a year, twenty teams compete in the Ranger Challenge which, according to Pribula, is “like the military Olympics. Not everyone in ROTC does Ranger Challenge. It's optional, like a varsity sport.” Pribula tried out for a spot on the ROTC Ranger Challenge Team and successfully made the team. Coached by Lt. Luke James, Pribula said,

“There were sixty guys who competed and only 10 spots on the team.” Tryouts took place a week before the event in the Best Ranger Competition. There were practices well before that in order to prepare the members for the competition. The cadets who scored highest in the 10 events made the team.

The Ranger Challenge took place from Oct. 15 - Oct. 16 and consisted of 10 events. Some of these events included the Ruck Run, an obstacle course, rope bridge over the water, a written test, grenade throwing competition and the weapons assembly-reassembly challenge. In another event, the army physical fitness test, each member had two minutes to do as many push-ups and sit-ups as possible and then run two miles as fast as they could. Pribula said the toughest event was the “Ruck Run, which was a

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Hookahs banned on campus

By Alexis Resnick
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

This past summer, the College issued a campus-wide ban on hookahs. Last year many hookahs were found on campus and some tested positive for marijuana, causing Campus Safety to investigate the policies in regards to hookahs on other

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Jane Schubert,
Assistant Dean of
Students and Judicial
Officer

campuses around the country. The results astonishingly pointed to the fact that schools across the country were banning hookahs on campus because of their use as drug paraphernalia.

Due to the bans on hookahs already in effect on other college campuses, along with the recent surge of hookahs (some used for marijuana), the College has decided to enforce a ban on hookahs. The details and rules of this ban are now included in the Student Policy and Resource Guide. The College's new policy on hookahs is found specifically at the end of the Drug Policy. It reads, “Possession of a hookah is prohibited on any College property. If a hookah is found and contains a drug residue indicating prior use, the hookah will be confiscated and tested. If the hookah is clear of any drug substance, it will be released to the owner at

the time of his/her departure from campus to home.”

When asked about the ramifications for students found with a hookah on campus, Jane Schubert, Assistant to the Dean of Students and Judicial Officer, replied, “If a confiscated hookah tests positive for drugs, the student will go to judicial facing alleged charges of a Drug Policy violation. The specific charge would be possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia.”

Many students find this to be unfair, since hookahs are perfectly legal and are traditionally used to smoke tobacco. Ben Jackson '07 said, “This is an unfair rule that the College is banning a perfectly legal activity on the basis that someone might abuse it.”

Other students feel that hookahs enrich campus culture and that taking this privilege away will cut down on outdoor socializ-

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ing and intellectual conversation. Alex Lotorto '09 said, “Hookahs enrich campus culture because a handful of kids can sit around outside, enjoying something that's legal, tastes good, feels good and has minimal risk for bad decisions. [Hookahs are] an alternative to other, more dangerous substances and can actually inspire coherent intellectual conversations. It's also the safest way to enjoy tobacco. Students

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Ted Pribula (standing up, second to the left) is pictured here with The Rangers Challenge Team with their trophy.

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Get out and vote

Why is it that more American citizens are willing to pay 99 cents to vote for their favorite contestant on reality television shows like *So You Think You Can Dance* and *American Idol* than to exercise their right to vote (for free) in presidential elections? Does *American Idol* affect the way we live our lives?

Realistically, most students probably do not have time to catch debates and read up on candidates' positions and stances on numerous topics. Oh sure, we could do some Internet surfing with our five minutes of free time between our 8-10 page paper due on Tuesday, test on Wednesday, and presentation on Friday. But who is really going to do that when lounging on the couch with a bag of pretzels in one hand and the controller in the other is so much more appealing?

All in all, it seems pretty obvious why students don't vote except for those instant call-ins where you can catch five minutes of a terrible singer and know that you want them off that stage. There is a difference between voting off a performer and voting for a political leader. To vote in a political election you should be informed and know exactly what is at stake. Do not waste your vote. The problem is not the amount of students who don't vote but the amount of students who are uninformed. We urge you to take those free five minutes you have this weekend and learn a thing or two about the upcoming Midterm Election.

As students, we are directly affected by the decisions made by our Congressional representatives. The constant increase in college tuition is leading to more debt upon graduation. Social Security and other retirement benefits are disappearing, quickly leaving us to care for our parents as they age.

With tests, bills, papers, labs, parties and a hundred other little things going on in a college student's life, it's a wonder many of us remember to brush our teeth let alone remember to turn on that debate at 5:00 p.m. If you know what's going, who's running and what their political platform is, go for it. Vote and have a say in an election that may later affect your life in multiple ways. For those of you who haven't quite caught on, stop wasting your brain cells on reality television and start paying attention to the reality of our nation. The future of the country is in our hands so let's do something to make it better. Stop complaining, take some initiative and get out and vote.

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The best years of our lives? Or just preparation...

By Max Lux
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

On my first day of high school, I was approached on the way to homeroom, and asked the following question by a junior working for the campus television show: "Why do we go to high school?" It was such a simple question, and so I answered it as such: "So we can go to college." The student continued: "Why do we go to college?" I paused at this one, not entirely sure at the time exactly what secondary education entailed, but, struggling not to look like a complete fool on camera, responded: "So we can get a job." "Why do we get a job?" she sounded, as soon as I had completed my statement. "So we can support a family." I said, voice wavering with uncertainty. The upperclassman did not stop there: "Why do we support a family?" Another pause. "So we can live a good life." "Why do we live a good life?" The answers were coming easier now: "So we can retire." "And why do we retire?" I don't know why the response came as quickly as it did, but I chirped (through pubes-

cent voice fluctuations and general social awkwardness): "So we can die." She smiled, looked directly at me, (as the camera caught both of our faces in its deep, emotionless lens and blank, white, blinding light), and tied every-
thing together with a single statement: "So we go to high school to learn how to die?" It was bizarre-- a statement that made such perfect, such horrible sense...

"So, we go to high school to learn how to die?" It was bizarre-- a statement that made such perfect, such horrible sense, resonating through my head and tying everything that was to come together-- into this weird progression, this terrible march towards an inevitable end. The bell for homeroom rang then, and I ran off to class, the gravity of what had just transpired falling back into my subconscious.

I'm a senior (if you've read even one week's worth of "The Devil You Know", you'd know that) and as one, find myself reflecting upon this little anecdote from my far-flung academic past. As overstated as it seems, the basic premise behind it is disturbingly solid: at every point in our lives, we are continuously looking, often with great uncertainty, towards the next great juncture.

High school, a time for personal change, coming of age and self-affirmation, is modernly treated as simply a stepping stone to college. How often did you personally agonize where you wanted to go, how you were going to get there and why you were even going in the first place? Junior and senior year is a time when you are beginning to become something more than a recitation-spewing automaton, a critical, insightful individual who is increasingly tainted by the need to prepare for the SATs, the SAT 2's and other forms of standardized evaluative forms.

College has been different in its aims, with further emphasis on the individual student growth, yet, in the end, it is merely more preparation for another length in our life's journey. Finding what to do next, what type of occupation to apply ourselves to, whether we wish to attend graduate school, medical school, law school or any of the multitude of other tracks that are

prolonging our preparation for the dreaded "real world", is terrifying. It is something that anyone with half-a-brain,

myself included, must spend a large chunk of our time deciding. Should I go to graduate school for education? Should I just get an entry-level job and hope for the best? Are the seemingly millions of brochures that clog my campus mailbox, begging to be assessed, only adding to my paranoia? Am I simply not making enough of an effort to decide my future?

I watch the days quickly slipping away through a haze of readings, parties, movies, dates and quiet evenings spent alone, and fruitlessly, try to grasp what I have been told are the best years of my life. Should I will them to slow down, live every day like it could last forever, make time for every single person I have grown to love as family, or allow the weeks to fly by--ever closer to the next step? To say that I'm scared is an understatement. To impart these words with an unfaltering voice is to blaspheme. All I have come to learn is, sadly enough, to move on. Society wants me to either prolong my education, or get a job outright--to become a productive cog in the great machine of the capitalist US of A--and I'm damned if I don't think the same way.

The point of all of this, the frenzied musings of my personal future

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Can the Democrat finally win?



Joe Caporoso
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

The Republican Party has had an iron grip on Washington for seemingly forever, at least from the perspective of this Democrat. After years of getting beaten down by the Republicans, one must wonder if the Democrats can finally get their act together and gain control of the House and Senate. The opportunity is there, but the opportunity was also there in the presidential election in 2004, which the Democrats completely botched.

The Democrats need a unified message. Dissension on foreign policy issues like the Iraq War perpetuate the image of the party being weak on national defense. Some nominees are pushing for a timetable for withdrawal from Iraq, while others refuse to set a date. A consensus needs to be reached, preferably not to set any form of timetable, but to renew focus on the most efficient way to remove our troops from the civil war in Iraq. A specific date doesn't need to be set for this process, because our troops need to be in Iraq for the time being. Only when Iraq shows some form of stability, should troops be removed as quickly as possible.

When debating Republicans on national defense, Democrats need to emphasize the following: Osama Bin Laden is still at large, we are in the middle of a civil war in Iraq and terrorist organizations like Al-Qaeda have multiplied and spread since we invaded Iraq. How have Republicans made us safer? Yet, they need to go beyond just criticizing the Bush administration. We need to present a firm, unified foreign policy plan that will renew concentration on Afghanistan and focus on finding Osama Bin Laden. We must also present a strategy to work with China and Russia that will limit nuclear weapons in Iran and North Korea.

On domestic issues, Democrats need to distance themselves from the ideological limits the Republicans have. Stem-cell research, which has had its funding cut under Republican control, needs to be a main issue. Federal fund-

ing should in no way be limited in such a promising field of research. Focusing on the economy, Democrats need only to point to the record deficit that our country is currently in, and the continued benefits given to only the wealthiest Americans. The Democratic Party needs to reestablish itself as the working man's party, one that will fight for the blue-collar citizens of this country.

As a party, the Democrats need an image. The Republicans have built themselves up to be strong on national defense and strong on religious values. As laughably false as this image is, it has worked for them. The Democrats need to move away from the image of being wishy-washy and not having any strong set of ideas or values.

The Democratic Party needs to reestablish itself as being more in touch with everyday Americans than our radically conservative administration. They need to distance themselves from the mistakes of the Republican's foreign policy and form a unified strategy of their own. Furthermore, they need to get back to being a blue collar party that does have values, just not radically conservative values that limit American's freedoms like those of its competitor.

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in the world post-Muhlenberg, is that almost none of us have the ability to take some time off--to requisition ourselves a break from the world itself. To do so, to take a trip across the great West with only the cash in your pocket and the clothes on your back, is to forsake the road laid out for us. A progression that ends (as that wise junior, all the way back in high school stated only ends in death). There are always bills on our minds, the future, loved ones and not even a desert island eight-million miles away is far enough from our minds

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and these mortal, material worries. We just keep marching along, worrying about each step before it comes, rarely mindful enough to sit back and watch the sun set. We to resign ourselves to existentialism and nothing more, sifting our fingers through the sands of time, and forget the constant flowing of the hourglass. So what do we do? Quite frankly, I don't know. There's no time to waste thinking about the present, because the future, my friends, is already here. In the time you've taken to read this article, you've become all kinds of ill-prepared.

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Weekly Discourse:

Would a 24/7 food establishment on campus reduce drunk driving?

By Megan Glick '06
WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

A few weekends ago on a Saturday night, just a little after midnight, I had to stop in at the General's Quarters for some coffee and a Bagel Bomber as I made my way from a concert at Kutztown University to my sister's dorm at Bryn Mawr College. (You, too, will miss late-night Bagel Bombers once you graduate!) It seemed pretty much like any other night at GQ and then my sister pointed out a student who had apparently just passed out, drunk, and who was then carried ("I've got his legs, you get his arms" style) to the bathroom by four or five of his friends. It was incredibly disconcerting; two girls at the table next to us, I'm guessing freshman, had very worried faces and kept talking about how scary and awful it was even after the guys had hauled their friend away.

I tell this little story to try and prove a point about student drinking and social context. If this kid had passed out at a house party on or off campus, I'm sure people would have had the same worried and concerned faces, but I'm also sure the guy's friends would probably have had a good laugh about his sorry state. They might have taken pictures and "decorating" his face with a Sharpie, before taking care of him. Seeing the kid in a more public setting made everyone more aware of how bad his situation was. I venture to argue that while students are going to drink no matter what policies and rules are put in place, they still have a sense of right and wrong and the "shock" of seeing a very inebriated student in a "non-party" setting could very well reinforce the dangers of drinking. And that's not even bringing Campus Safety or EMS into the picture.

If the College were to provide a 24-hour food venue for students, I think more than a few students would be prevented from driving drunk to get their late-night Wawa, Wegman's or Dunkin' Donuts fix. With such a place on campus, students could observe the behavior of their fellow students. If a concerned reaction towards students in a drunk or "too-drunk" state is the norm (and I think it is), more students would be encouraged to help each other out if they saw another in a bad state. I think the fact that such a place would be on-campus (and not in a dorm, because we all know drinking happens on campus), could provide that extra little "I need to behave" push to maybe make students make better decisions. Students might think twice about their own actions and think twice about doing more to help other students in poor states.

The feasibility of a 24-hour food joint on campus would be the deciding factor, I concede that point. How much more would we have to pay per year to have something like that? In theory, though, the possibility of saving some lives (even several trips to the hospital) has to be worth more than an increased cost. And truthfully, we are only talking about a few extra hours—when the vast majority of faculty and staff aren't even on campus.

Perhaps the fact that it would be a public meeting place, especially convenient for hungry, drunk students, would mean that more students could be monitored either by Campus Safety or their friends. Maybe students wouldn't drink to the extreme that they sometimes do.

We've had a lot of new construction and changes on campus in recent years and I doubt that something like a weekend 24-hour food venue is next on the College's list, but the possibility raises some good questions and I'm hoping some good discussions about our behavior and our responsibility to help each other out.

By Andrew Smith
WEEKLY BUSINESS MANAGER

In my opinion, this proposal seems absurd, and frankly, outlandish. When initially asked to address this question, I immediately began to think about the current "eating situation" on campus. Presently, GQ and the Garden Room can hardly support the student population and their already growing needs. Long lines, outrageous prices and an overall lack of efficiency are just a few of the hindrances one will encounter on a daily basis at this college. Thus, the question here is not: "Should Muhlenberg open a 24/7 eating facility on campus?" The question is: "Could Sodexho even operate a 24/7 eating facility on campus?"

At the present moment, there are already too many difficulties associated with our eating establishments on campus. Several times during the day, the lines are ridiculous and the cashiers cannot handle the influx of students. Additionally, it seems like there is not enough staff present at night to even help students. Lastly, (and I think several students would agree with this assertion) the food is simply atrocious. When Friday night rolls around, I cannot possibly eat another GQ/Garden Room meal. Frankly, I would rather starve myself. We do not need GQ and Garden Room to be open 24 hours a day. We have had enough as it is!

From a purely rational standpoint, it would not be possible for GQ and Garden Room to be in service for 24 hours. First, I sympathize with the employees who already have to work the late night shifts. I think it is unfair to make these people slave inordinate amounts of time just to satisfy a

very small portion of the student population. Also, it would probably not be worth it for GQ and/or Garden Room to be open all those hours; it seems like there would be too many costs associated with such an endeavor.

When asked to write this article, I was also supposed to address the issue of "intoxicated students who need to eat late at night." It is true that extending the hours of GQ and Garden Room may help this unfortunate segment of our society. Instead of driving drunk to various off-campus restaurants and other establishments, we might be able to keep these students on-campus. However, this still does not eliminate the issue of

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students that would not eat the on-campus food under any circumstances. Thus, I still think that having a 24/7 eating facility on campus is simply unattainable by all means. Additionally, it would not be cost-effective for Sodexho. Instead of creating a 24/7 eating facility on campus, maybe we can improve upon what we already have here on campus and/or find better alternatives for those intoxicated students who are 'desperate' for nourishment at 4:00 a.m. I do not think it is necessary to expand our already frustrated operations.

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State Funding for New Science Building

By Jenn Lavelle
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

The College was recently awarded a \$500,000 Commonwealth Redevelopment Assistance Program grant to assist in the completion of the \$27.5 million construction of the New Science Building and Shankweiler renovation. This grant was secured with the assistance of Senator Patrick Browne.

There was money set aside in the state budget for the New Science Building, but Governor Rendell had to approve of allocating the funds. When allocating funds, the state considered the benefit of the project to the citizens and whether or not it was a defensible investment.

The state was willing to allocate funding to the College for this project because of the amount of undergraduate science students who go on to medical school and careers in research. Of all the physicians in the state of Pennsylvania, almost 600 of them are Muhlenberg graduates. Over 120 of those physicians practice medicine in the Lehigh

Valley. The College boasts an extremely high acceptance rate among their graduates to medical schools; 90% of the College's pre-med students were accepted to medical schools in 2006.

The fact that the New Science Building is a sustainable "green" building could have affected the state's decision to grant funding, but "the building itself is not as important as its function. The building is there to train scientists," commented President Randy Helm on the reasoning behind the state's grant. The College's

new minor in public health probably influenced the state's decision as well. The real motivation behind the funding was to invest in an infrastructure that produces scientists who will benefit society.

Overall, President Randy Helm is pleased that the building "works for faculty and students. It is a building to be proud of, and we should also be proud of what goes on inside." Many of the students trained in science at the College will go on to serve not only the state of Pennsylvania, but the nation and society as a whole.

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The College receives funding for the New Science Building because of the amount of undergraduate students who continue after college in pursuit of medical careers and research.

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ROTC

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10k run at 6:00 a.m. with backpacks and a rifle. The weapons assembly-reassem-

bly event was the only particular event the team placed first. Most of the other events they placed in the top five. However, the team also placed first in the

overall competition, beating out the other twenty teams who competed, making them the winner. Their biggest rivals were Penn State, University of

Pittsburg and Princeton University.

According to Pribula, "The event is a big deal for Lehigh's Program." Although the team has finished in the top three almost every year, they haven't won first place in the past five years.

Pribula said winning was "incredible." He knew the team was doing well, but the whole time he had no idea they were doing that well. So when they were announced as the winners, it was a great surprise. He said, "I was really happy to be part of the team and it was just unbelievable to win."

Pribula explains that the Rangers Team is much more physically demanding than ROTC, but that it does set the standard for ROTC. The Rangers Challenge Team had only one senior, Cadet Berdela, who also happened to be the Captain of the Rangers Team. It proved to be a rebuilding year because

there were few upperclassmen tried out or even made the team. It just so happened that in this particular year, many more younger, inexperienced cadets were part of the team, which is why the team wasn't expected to do very well. Pribula said that's why "it was surprising that we won."

The regular ROTC program has another college freshman but Pribula was the only student from the college who competed in the Ranger Challenge. Cadet Pribula is from Chatham, N.J. and is thinking of becoming a History major at the college. He says, "One of the hardest parts about [being a member of ROTC] is the early mornings." He leaves for Lehigh and it's still dark. Then, after working-out for hours, he comes back and it's still dark and everyone is still sleeping.



Pribula's team, pictured here, participated in 10 physically and mentally challenging events.

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4	1	8	7	6	5	9	3	2
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Answer to Sudoku

Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9.

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Dining Services sponser a student Chili Cook-Off

By Emily Rabson
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

On Thurs., Nov. 2, Muhlenberg College Dining Services will host its first ever "Great Chili Cook-off" in the Garden Room. Dining Services will select four final recipes and have the students whose recipe made the final cut prepare the chili in the Garden Room. Recipes can be submitted either individually, with a club/organization or with a group of friends.

Although the deadline was Oct. 16, Dining Services is still waiting to receive two promised recipes. "So far, we have received three recipes, with two additional ones promised," explains Lee Kolbe, Assistant Director of Student Activities. She acknowledges that the delay is most likely due to the flurry of Family Weekend activities.

Yet despite the meager number of submissions, Kolbe remains very hopeful about this competition. "The idea was generated through Dining Services," she explains, "and they thought it would be a fun way for the students to become involved." She emphasizes that this event would allow students to

"showcase their talents in the dining area."

This is also the first time that Dining Services has hosted such a competition. "It's another way for students to become involved and draw people in [to future activities and competitions]. Dining Services loves to highlight different things for students."

After the selection of the final four entries, all other aspects of the contest will be out in the open for students. "There will be four cooking stations [for students to prepare their chili recipes, in hopes that this will] draw more people in," explains Kolbe. The students in the Garden Room will then receive samples of the chili and vote on the one they like best. She expects that the competition "could be a lot of fun" for everyone involved.

Exactly how many students are aware of the competition or plan to participate is less clear. Melissa Dropkin '07 says, that while she had not previously heard of the contest, "It sounds like fun." However, she is undecided about whether or not she will participate because she's not a huge fan of chili.

As a result, students who want to have an influence in

the competition but have not submitted recipes will be able to do just that. The winner of the contest will be determined by a majority vote by the participants in the Garden Room.




Students who sample the chili should understand that each recipe is distinct. According to Kolbe, "We have a white chili recipe, a beef chili recipe, a spicy chili and a vegetarian chili promised by the students." Kolbe adds that, "We had hoped to get a chicken chili recipe but none have been submitted."

Perhaps there will be an even greater array of submissions should Dining Services repeat this contest next year, but considering this event is the very first of its kind, this year's range has proved quite satisfactory.

The creators of the winning recipe will receive a \$100 prize. Though not definite, there is the possibility that the winning recipe will become a dish in the Garden Room.

Students who missed the opportunity to participate in this contest but are interested in future competitions should not worry. "Look for signs for a contest in the spring, second semester," Kolbe directs.

Weekend Weather

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Gay and Straight Alliance has "Gay and Proud" discussion day

By Jenn Lavelle
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

"Gay and Proud," a discussion sponsored by the Gay Straight Alliance (GSA), was held last Thurs., Oct. 26 in the Pride House. Anita Kelly, Director of Counseling services, led the discussion.

This discussion was planned to address the issue of Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual and Transgender (GLBT) stereotypes that exist here at the College. Adrian Shanker '09, President of the GSA, said, "The best way to dissect stereotypes is to be out on campus. Also, it's possible to be out here in the 'Muhlenberg bubble' and not at home." The more people who are out and open on campus, the weaker stereotypes will be.

The most common stereotypes here on campus are that all gay men do theatre and all lesbians participate in athletics. This is simply not so. Sometimes these are just the most visible groups on campus. The problem isn't that many gay

men participate in theatre and gay women play sports; it hurts the GLBT community when people think that sports and theatre are the only areas of interest for gay women and men. These were the types of

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discussions brought up at the meeting.

The GSA also encounters problems because many members of the GLBT community on campus involved in theatre don't feel like they need to join the GSA. Many of them view the theatre department as a "safe haven." This is an issue because the GSA is heavily involved in activism and gay rights, which non-members are not likely to take

part in.

Shanker also stresses that the College and the Lehigh Valley in general, are very safe places to be openly gay. By and large, the College is more progressive than other colleges regarding sexual orientation, but there is always room for improvement. There are many support structures available at the College for the GLBT community besides the GSA. The Trexler Library is working with the GSA on expanding their GLBT literature. The Career Center is also working hard to acquire more handbooks and guides to assist the GLBT community with employment and higher education-seeking strategies. There are also many faculty and staff allies here who constantly offer their support. The openly gay faculty members serve as a great example to the College community.

More support will become available and the stereotypes will weaken as more GLBT members here on campus become out and open and support those who do.

HOOKAH
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who want to take the time to set up a hookah, invite their friends to enjoy it and clean up afterward deserve a place on campus to do it. I agree it shouldn't be on Academic Row, but places like the West Quad and the East Quad are hidden from the public eye and are perfect places for hookahs."

One of the main concerns Campus Safety has with the use of hookahs is that it will be

used for illegal substances. While some students may opt to do this, Lotorto says, "The argument that it could be used to smoke pot isn't effective because it takes a relatively large amount of hashish to smoke hookah, and the equivalent amount of marijuana would be wasteful and expensive. A skilled

user could smoke marijuana using almost anything which makes the means insignificant, hookah or not."

Schubert said, "Last year hookahs were showing up on campus, some testing positive for marijuana. The Department of Campus Safety decided to do some research. The findings were overwhelming. Schools throughout the country were banning hookahs from College

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Alex Lotorto '09

campuses due to them being used as drug paraphernalia."

This decision was ultimately made due to the overwhelming amount of other college campuses banning hookahs which Campus Safety hopes will decrease the use of illegal substances on campus.

Campus Safety Notes

Oct. 23 - Theft - A student's laptop that was previously stolen from GQ was found.

Oct. 24 - Suspicious Person - A student called the Allentown Police Department when approached by a non-student who said that two black males with hand guns were chasing him.

Oct. 24 - Fire Alarm Sounding - An alarm went off due to burned peanuts on 2216 Liberty Street.

Oct. 24 - Attempted Theft - Someone attempted to steal a new skillet from the closet in Seegers Union.

Oct. 24 - Harassment - An employee was harassing another employee in the upper level of Seegers Union. The issue was resolved by Sodexo management.

Oct. 24 - Electrical Problem - A student in Walz Hall realized that the detector did not go off due to burnt popcorn and informed campus safety. The detector was

tested and was working.

Oct. 25 - Beer Games/Paraphernalia - A beer pong table was found in Tremont Apartments. The students responsible were referred to the Judicial Process.

Oct. 25 - Disorderly Conduct - Allentown Police Department reported that a student at the College was cited for having an open container of alcohol on the city street.

Oct. 26 - Theft - A small boom box and a CD were stolen from office 174 on the first floor of the Center for the Arts.

Oct. 26 - Beer Games/Paraphernalia - A beer funnel was found at 2442 Tilghman Street. The beer funnel was turned in, and the individuals responsible were referred to the Judicial Process.

Oct. 26 - Vehicle Violation - A student received a fifth parking violation from parking in the faculty and staff

parking lot. The student now owes \$810, including a boot removal fee.

Oct. 26 - Harassment - Two roommates in MacGregor Village were verbally harassing each other. The matter was referred to Residential Services.

Oct. 26 - Sick Student - A Resident Advisor reported a sick student on the third floor annex of Prosser Hall. Muhlenberg College EMS (MCEMS) transported to the student to the hospital.

Oct. 27 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to burnt pizza on 2333 Liberty Street.

Oct. 27 - Attempted Theft - Someone removed items from a student's car glove compartment and left them on her car seat and floor in the 23rd and Gordon Streets parking lot. Nothing was stolen from the vehicle.

Oct. 27 - Beer Games/Paraphernalia - A beer pong table was found in MacGregor Village. The

individuals were identified by Residential Services and were referred to the Judicial Process.

Oct. 28 - Injured Student - A student suffered a hand and neck injury on the third floor of Brown Hall. The student was transported by Allentown EMS (AEMS) to St. Luke's Hospital.

Oct. 28 - Motor Vehicle Accident - There was a vehicle accident by Benfer Drive and 26th Street, involving a student and a non-student.

Oct. 28 - Theft - A student reported a stolen X-box along with a remote control from the Phi Kappa Tau house.

Oct. 28 - Sick Student - A student in Trexler Pavilion suffered a possible seizure. The student was transported by AEMS to St. Luke's ER.

Oct. 29 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A student pulled a fire alarm at 2216 Liberty Street as he/she was leaving a party.

Oct. 29 - Motor Vehicle Accident - In the Tremont Apartments parking lot, a tree branch fell on a car. The tree caused extensive damage to the hood and to the windshield of the car.

Oct. 29 - Underage Alcohol/DUI - Two students were referred to the Judicial Process for underage consumption of alcohol and driving under the influence.

Oct. 30 - Animal Complaint - A student complained about a resident on the third floor of Benfer Hall who had a hamster. College housing advised the student to remove the pet.

Oct. 30 - Unauthorized Person - An unregistered male visitor was lying naked on a bed in a room on the second floor of Brown Hall. The individual, who had been on campus for seven days, was given a letter of trespass and advised not to come back on the College property.



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**"Life consists not in holding good cards
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-- Josh Billings

Tiny trick-or-treaters at the 'Berg

On Fri., Oct. 27 kids of all ages tricker-treated with their parents in the Freshman dorms where they were met by a variety of candy and costumes. The young pirates, princesses and toads were eager to get out of the rain and show off their costumes from 6-8:00 p.m..

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Tribute Bands

rock Family Weekend

By Victoria Davis
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

"We're living here in Allentown," croons Billy Joel, and on Sat., Oct. 28 Billy joined us here in Allentown, as Robert Eric and his band performed their "Billy Joel Tribute" concert in Memorial Hall of the Life Sports Center. The large crowd included seasoned fans as well as youngsters as Muhlenberg's Family Weekend reunited students with their parents and siblings.

The band hit the stage at 8:30 p.m., featuring classics such as "Uptown Girl," "Just the Way You Are," "Tell Her About It" and of course, the ever-popular "Piano Man."

Billy Joel once said that his goal is to make music that "meant something during the time in which I lived...and transcended that time." Mission accomplished. Fans of all ages sang along with the legendary lyrics and timeless melodies, all the while racking their brains for their stored-up Billy Joel knowledge for the

chance to win a prize.

Between songs, trivia questions such as, "How did Billy Joel break his nose?" were thrown at the audience, and the first person to flail his glow stick in the air and shout out the answer was rewarded with a CD. In case your Billy Joel knowledge isn't up to par, the answer is, "He broke his nose when he was boxing."

Billy Joel is known for his originality, combining elements of jazz, pop and soul into his catchy music. He can mirror love and heartache with his romantic ballads, but he is also able to rock with the best of them.

He was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1999, and his music continues to inspire. Robert Eric and his band did Billy justice as their balanced sound and obvious passion created an evening in Allentown of which Billy Joel himself would have been proud.

Half an hour later, in Miller Forum of the Moyer building, Dave Binder sang his own trib-

ute to James Taylor. Binder's "Fire and Rain Show" consisted of James Taylor tunes with splashes of history between songs. Each song was preceded by a quick insight into Taylor's life, and from that insight the inspiration for the next piece was revealed. For instance, before performing "Frozen Man," Binder informed the audience that Taylor was inspired by the National Geographic article about the "frozen man" that had been discovered.

Later, Taylor realized that the "frozen man" was in fact his distant father, who was living at the South Pole at the time. Binder made it a point to emphasize how Taylor wrote songs about his own experiences, so in order to appreciate the work as a whole, background information is necessary. Binder described his combination of performances and history lessons as "People Magazine meets James Taylor."

Dave Binder's performance was much different than

Robert Eric's, as Binder stood alone in a much smaller room with only a guitar in hand.

However, the crowd was similar, as the glow sticks somehow managed to find their way over to Moyer, indicating that several families were making a night out of it. Binder even joked that Billy Joel was his opening act.

Binder was a good way to end the night though, because from his first song "The Secret of Life," the atmosphere seemed mellower than at the last show, and the music more relaxing, and the audience allowed these soothing lyrics to flow over them.

Both tributes were enjoyable in their own ways, as Billy Joel's music got a few members of the audience up and dancing, while "An Evening of James Taylor" left people entranced in the quieter, more intimate setting. Students and their families were simply enjoying the weekend as they were brought together with these timeless classics.

Source: www.rockhall.com

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: WHO THE HECK IS HARRY TREXLER?



"He's the greatest man since Ronald McDonald."

- Sarah Mitchell '07



"He's my father."

- Kyle Keinath '10



"He's the ice cream man!"

- Janet Saunders '08



"The head librarian."

- Harry Uniman '08



"He's the Saint of Allentown."

- Matt Katz '09

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Compiled by Kim Nguyen

Weekend Listings



The Departed

Fri. 3:30, 6:45, 9:50
Sat. 3:30, 6:45, 9:50
Sun. 12:15, 3:30, 6:45

Flags of our Fathers

Fri. 4:40, 7:00, 9:30
Sat. 4:40, 7:00, 9:30
Sun. 1:00, 4:40, 7:00

Open Season

Fri. 4:30, 7:10, 9:30
Sat. 4:30, 7:10, 9:30
Sun. 2:30, 4:30, 7:10

Flushed Away

Fri. 4:40, 7:30, 9:30
Sat. 4:40, 7:30, 9:30
Sun. 2:30, 4:40, 7:30

Man of the Year

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Saw III

Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:15
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:15
Sun. 1:40, 4:50, 7:50

The Prestige

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 9:40
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 9:40
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

Dating pool boredom

By Lily Hatfield
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNIST

There are plenty of ways to meet eligible bachelors and bachelorettes on this campus. You never know who you may be standing in line with at the Garden Room, sitting next to you in Drawing I as you sketch a naked man bending over right in your face or even walking down academic row, as you trip over an errant squirrel and your love interest comes to help you pick up your bio textbooks.

It may seem hopeless sometimes, like when you go to parties and see the same guys over and over and over again and then realize, to your horror, that about half of them have seen you naked and know where *all* of your tattoos are. Guys might start going back for seconds, thirds or even fourths with the same girl over a long period of time out of sheer boredom and laziness. It's almost like inbreeding on this campus, a constant recycling of romantic partners that people get caught up in because they are afraid to go elsewhere.

Maybe your group of guy friends is just especially good looking and slutty, and while it's fun to play hide the pickle with each one of them, a man (or woman) cannot live on bread alone. Variety is the

spice of life!

Maybe it's because people are afraid of rejection. It's easy to hook up with someone you have already hollered at, especially if you left them wanting more. But there is a reason why taking the easy road is never as satisfying as working hard for something, or experiencing something new and different.



One of the greatest thrills for any college man or woman is the thrill of the chase. You see each other across the room at a party. You eye-flirt and brush up against each other and maybe have a quick "how are you" conversation over by the cooler of jungle juice. But somehow, during the night, your signals of attraction come across, and you finally meet in one place, and make out like you don't even care that you are in a crowded room.

The chase can often be what attracts a man to a woman, and vice versa. This is where being easy will not pay off. People will work hard for something they really want, and

it will only taste that much sweeter as long as you are still chasing. The person doing the chasing will have to invest far more effort and time in order to reach their desired goal: you. They will stay interested longer in someone who they have invested a lot of time and effort into talking to or getting to know.

But if at the end of the night, the chase is squashed, it can be very discouraging. Maybe your signals got crossed or distorted. Maybe she went to go hook up with her ex-boyfriend, or he left the party early to go to Lupo's. Either way, you are going to be disappointed because the chase can often leave you with no prize at the end of the night.

But the point is you tried, and maybe you even learned something. Maybe you need to be more aggressive or less, depending on if your potential love interest left the party or wherever you were for the sole purpose of getting away from you and your creepy advances.

It's all trial and error, but you have to put yourself out there. So if you are tired of the same old dating pool, get out and try a hot tub. This one may be foreign and intimidating, but dating new people is all about taking the plunge.

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1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon baking powder

Preheat oven to 350°F. Butter and flour two 9x5x3-inch loaf pans. Beat sugar and oil in large bowl to blend. Mix in eggs and pumpkin. Sift flour, cloves, cinnamon, nutmeg, baking soda, salt and baking powder into another large bowl. Stir into pumpkin mixture in 2 additions.

Divide batter equally between prepared pans. Bake about 1 hour 10 minutes. Let cool for 10-15 minutes. Using sharp knife, cut around edge of loaves. Turn loaves out onto a rack or something with slots for the bread to cool completely.

Enjoy!

Source:

http://www.epicurious.com/recipes/recipe_views/views/840

New faces on the block: *Jennifer, Brian and Joyce*

By Penny Lochner
SERIALS LIBRARIAN

We're all becoming accustomed to new faces in the library this semester. Three librarians joined our staff in August helping to round out and fill our missing positions and add to our ability to help the students of the College.

Starting at the top, our new director, Joyce Hommel, pulled up her Midwestern roots to join us. In Minnesota she helped to build a statewide library network, MnLINK, for cooperative collection management and providing a broad-based information network.

She is quickly establishing herself as a proponent of progressive improvement. Don't be surprised if one day you are stopped in the library aisles by someone with short, brown hair who strikes up a conversation and solicits new ideas for the library.

Rumor has it that there will be lunches in the future for hungry students who would like to share their opinions

and ideas. Now that we have someone who is a wiz at making connections and bringing people together, look for signs of the library continually popping up where you least expect it (like in this newspaper).

Speaking of making connections, the second new face resides in the Systems Librarian's office. Brian ("I prefer to use a Macintosh" - ouch!) Johnstone, will be moving the library's system to the next level when the library has a major software upgrade over Winter Break. And strangely, he did that on his last job, too.

With all that experience, he expects no system crashing will occur. (Good to know!) Brian's other major initiative will be to enhance the library's website to bring out its potential as a learning tool. If you'd like to get in on that action, send your suggestions to Brian.

When she is not training students or rescuing kitties, our third new staff member, Social Sciences Reference Librarian, Jennifer Jarson, will also be working on the

website project. The reference department is still rejoicing because we were lucky enough to steal Jen, an ace librarian, away from Penn. Yes, good things come in (or rather "to") small colleges.

With over 35 training sessions already under her belt (Hmm - does she even wear a belt?), there's a good chance you've had a taste of her excellent training skills sometime this semester.

We thank you for giving her a warm reception. She is "amazed at how friendly students and faculty are." A natural collaborator, expect to find Jen going beyond the library walls to work on projects across campus.

As for the rest of us on the staff, we look forward to working with Jennifer, Brian and Joyce in order to make Trexler Library an integrated part of your Muhlenberg experience. Finally, if the students have any suggestions, please let us know because new staff or not, we are always looking for better and more effective ways to serve the College.

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(There will be no access before 10:00 a.m.)

The only students permitted to stay on campus are:

- Academic responsibility (i.e.: student teaching)
- International Students
- Students living more than 300 miles from campus
- Athletes with written permission from their coach

If you do not fall into these categories and you are approved to stay, there is a \$25.00 per day charge. A "Request To Stay Over Break Form" must be submitted by every student who stays including those students falling into the above categories. Forms are available online at: www.muhlenberg.edu/mgt/resserv and are due by Monday, November 13th. Late requests will be subject to a \$25.00 fine. If you have any questions please call our office at x3180.

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Mules shut out Ursinus, move on to Semifinals

By Justin Gerstley
SPORTS EDITOR

Tuesday night at Varsity Field, Muhlenberg (13-5) shut out Ursinus, 1-0, in the first round of the Centennial Conference Women's Soccer tournament. The only goal was scored in the 14th minute, when Freshmen Jayne Condon took a shot, which bounced off the Lisa Clark, the Ursinus goalkeeper, and Freshmen Kimberly Hacker took advantage, putting the ball into the

back of the net. This was Hacker's fifth goal of the season.

Senior goalkeeper Kayla Boisvert and the rest of the Mules defense did their part in the win, limiting the Bears to just five total shots. The defense did so well, Boisvert was only required to make two saves, while the Ursinus goalkeeper made seven saves. Ursinus had a regular season record of 8-6-1.

Muhlenberg will play in Baltimore against top-seeded Johns Hopkins (15-2). The game is scheduled at 5:00 p.m. on Friday.

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Big East Showdown will help clear the national title picture

By Zack Gugenheim
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

#3 West Virginia vs. #5 Louisville

Consider this semi-final game one of the playoffs this Thursday. This and the Ohio State/Michigan game could end up being the deciding games for the national title game on January 8, 2007. Although the Big East Conference has been the weakest of all the BCS conferences since Miami, Virginia Tech and Boston College left, these two teams have begun to build credibility with the league. West Virginia defeated SEC champion Georgia back in the Nokia Sugar Bowl, and Louisville humiliated Miami this season. Two teams enter, one will remain undefeated.

Louisville quarterback Brian Brohm has looked shaky since his return from injury, but don't be fooled, he will be ready to go against a suspect defense. Brohm is talented, and was once touted as a heisman candidate. However, the real battle will be between the Louisville defense vs. potent running attack of West Virginia.

The Louisville defense has been able to shut down the run, as they have allowed only two of their opponents to surpass 100 yards on the ground. However, they have not faced a running attack as good as the one run by QB Pat White, and RB Steve Slaton. (both are Heisman candidates) Both are fast, and they run the Spread Option to perfection, as they both have nine rushing touchdowns, and have combined for over 1,600 yards on the ground. Louisville must stop the run and force Pat White to pass, which is

easier said than done.

In the end, I like West Virginia to outrun the Cardinals, behind White and Slaton.

Prediction: 35-24; West Virginia

#13 LSU vs. #8 Tennessee

LSU is just one of those teams that has the talent to be unbelievable, and yet finds ways to just play terrible in big games. Last year, they lost to a nearly equal Georgia team in the SEC championship game, and yet came out and destroyed Miami in their bowl game. A lot of it has to do with coaching and sorry Les Miles, you just can't win the big game.

Tennessee has looked impressive at times (BIG win over Cal, one-point miss at Florida) and mediocre during others (near-miss at Air Force). In the end, it's too hard to not pick the combo of QB Erik Ainge and WR Robert Meachem, who have hooked up for six Touchdowns. If they don't pull through, I'm sure Miles will find a way to lose this game.

Prediction: 24-13; Tennessee

Penn State vs. #17 Wisconsin

I'll be honest, this is a tough game to predict. Both teams played Michigan tough, but other than that, I just don't know how to evaluate either team. Penn State hasn't just played Michigan, they have played #1 Ohio State, and now #11 Notre Dame. Meanwhile, Wisconsin has played a bunch of creampuffs, their latest victim being a 2-7 Illinois squad. (They were losing until Wisconsin QB John Stocco threw a TD pass with 14:50)

Penn State's offense lacks identity, and unlike former quarterback Michael Robinson, Anthony Morelli

provides little leadership and even less mobility. On the other side, Wisconsin's offense may suffer if freshman sensation P.J. Hill (RB) is held out of this game due to injury. Penn State's defense is good enough to slow this Wisconsin attack down, especially if Hill can't play.

Although Morelli has the same speed as a snail (ok, the snail would win in a tight finish), I do like running back Tony Hunt, and Wisconsin has shown vulnerability against the run. I think Hunt and the Penn State defense win this game for the Nittany Lions, as long as Morelli doesn't lose the game for them.

Prediction: 20-10; Penn State

Zack's Top Ten

Ohio State - Imagine the outcome of last week's Minnesota game if the Buckeyes hadn't committed three turnovers...

Michigan - Their d-line is fantastic, but I'm worried about their offense, even if star wide receiver Mario Manningham returns this week.

West Virginia - They can prove they are one of the top three teams in the country if they beat Louisville Thursday Night on ESPN.

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Texas - It sure is fun to watch QB Colt McCoy grow up.

Auburn - Is Kenny Irons going to start producing like he did last year?

Florida - QB Chris Leak is becoming less productive each week... good time to have Vanderbilt on the schedule

California - I know they lost to Tennessee, who I have below them, but Cal has looked real good, and look to be the top dogs of the Pac-10 right now.

Tennessee - Big Test against LSU, let's hope they play a little better than they did against South Carolina.

Rutgers - Props to staying undefeated, Head Coach Greg Schiano should win the Coach of the Year award with the turnaround that he has had with this team.

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Heisman Watch

Troy Smith (QB/Ohio State) - For those of you who forgot, he can run, as he showed last week with a 21 yard TD scamper.

Steve Slaton (RB/West Virginia) - Has a great opportunity to show his ability on Thursday night against Louisville.
Ray Rice (RB/Rutgers) - Has been the little engine that could for the Scarlet Knights. He should definitely be invited to New York.

Brady Quinn (QB/Notre Dame) - He doesn't deserve to win regardless of what happens from here on out (unless if all the other candidates get injured), but he has put up great stats.

Mike Hart (RB/Michigan) - Not flashy, just gets the job done. Fortunately, that's what a Big Ten running back is supposed to do.

Mule Profile: Sara Gearin

Tri-Sport athlete wins Weikert Award

By Alex Mangini and Ruwani Ganepola
ASST. SPORTS EDITORS

Sara Gearin '08 is originally from Groton, Mass. She began playing soccer in the third grade and started

running outdoor track her sophomore year of high school. It was in the fall of her freshman year that she started cross-country at the College. Over the past two years she has ran the 800m, the 1500m and the 5k in track.

When she began cross-country her freshman year, she felt it was both a challenge and a learning experience. She reveals, "I was extremely nervous about switching to long distance. However, there was terrific leadership on the team and great coaching, so I adjusted relatively quickly and got the hang of the sport."

However, in her sophomore year she decided to go back to her soccer roots, which she claims to be "her first love." She played outside midfield. Over the summer she found herself wanting to come back to cross-country for her junior year. Training over the summer helped her not only physically, but it also helped her "get a handle on the psychological dimension of cross-country and racing in particular." Gearin feels that "there is definitely a lot of room for improvement," and hopes to continue to progress as a runner. This season she participates in 6k races.

When asked about the current season Gearin replied, "I feel that the cross-country season has gone well thus far. The girls are a hard-working group and we have trained so hard this season. I do not feel that we have reached our potential as a team yet, however, we will have our opportunity to 'leave it all out on the course' at Regionals in a couple of weeks." She feels as if she cannot make an exact prediction as to how the team will finish off the season. But she did say, "I do think that we are all really pumped up and we are certainly capable of performing well and maybe even upsetting some other teams that are competing." Teammate Laura Clinton '08 believes, "Our team this year is amazing. The girls support each other, work hard and really push themselves day in and day out. Sara has really stepped it up this year and has been a leader to us both on and off the course. We love her!"

This cross-country season proved to be a challenging one for the team. Gearin believes, "The greatest challenge for the Women's Cross-Country team at the beginning of this season has been getting so close to a breakthrough, but not actually getting all of the way there." However, a couple

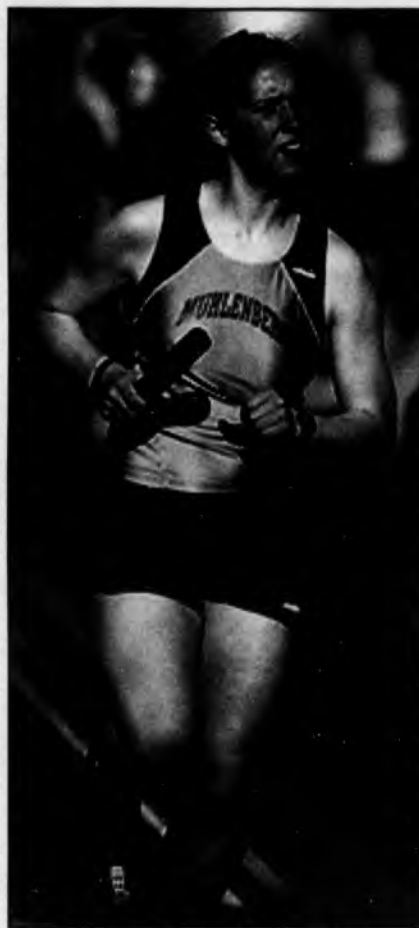
of meets ago the team was faced with one of their toughest challenges and Gearin credits the coaches for "ingraining it in our heads that that was the meet we needed to pull together and step outside of our comfort zones and we did just that." Gearin hopes that the team will "carry this perseverance and toughness into their race at regionals."

Gearin believes the team would be no where without the advice and leadership of the coaches. She states, "The coaches have been wonderful. Coach Elson and Coach Roth have been very supportive of each individual throughout the season." In addition to the coaches' encouragement, Gearin is thankful for their "one-on-one meetings with all of us, making our relationships with them much more personable. They are very invested in making us faster, smarter runners." Not only does she receive support from her cross-country coaches but from her spring track coach as well. She says, "Coach Hackett has been extremely encouraging, coming to cheer us on at most of our meets."

Not only is Gearin a dedicated athlete but she is also a conscientious student. She is a Psychology major and participates in many extracurricular activities. This semester she is a psychology peer tutor and works at the Polling Institute here at the College. When asked about how she manages her time she admits, "There definitely are not enough hours in the day, however, I feel that participating in sports has helped me to stay on top of work. By the time we get back from practice and dinner, it is usually pretty late, so there is no time to goof off and procrastinate."

Over Homecoming Weekend, Gearin's academic and athletic talents were honored. She received the prestigious Weikert Award, which honors student athletes. She was given this award as a result of earning varsity letters in cross-country, track and soccer as well as being placed on the Centennial Conference Academic Honor Roll for all three seasons. "I was pretty shocked when I first found out that I would be receiving the Weikert Award and I am honored to have won it, it really meant a lot to me," she said.

Gearin epitomizes what it is to be a strong student athlete. She considers running not only a sport, but now an "important facet of her life." She finds it to be, "a stress release" and is thankful for the teammates she has met along the way.



Gearin runs down the track, leading the Mules to victory.

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Volleyball ends on a high note

By Alex Mangini and Ruwani Ganepola
ASST. SPORTS EDITORS

The Muhlenberg Women's Volleyball Team's

season ended this past weekend on a high note with a 3-1 victory over Washington. The team was led by several of the players including both Senior Captains, Kate Haggerty and Monica Sella. Haggerty made 11 kills and both Sella and Haggerty made three blocks. Haggerty's 11 kills left her with a career total of 969, placing her fifth in team history. Other leaders include Anselmi '08 with 18 kills, Megan Eiser '09 with 19 digs, 35 assists and 3 aces, Tiffany Elliot '08 with 15 assists, Danielle Losonci '09 with 3 aces and Megan Young with 19 digs.

In their last season here at the College, the seniors proved to be strong assets to the team. Teammate Jess Anselmi says, "The seniors all finished the season strong, especially our two middles, Haggerty and Sella who had great seasons. It was exciting the last game to have all of the seniors in, those two plus Kristin Caparro, Jules Lamborn and Courtney Williams. We didn't have as great of a season as we would've liked, but we have a lot of talented underclassmen who will contribute even more

next season and the other returners are more than ready to step into leadership roles." Williams helped start the season off strong with five kills in eight attempts. As the season progressed Co-captain, Sella managed a career-high in kills. Julia Lamborn '07 held her position of middle and outside hitter strongly and proved to be a crucial asset to the team as well. Over the years she has earned three varsity letters. In their last game of the season the team can thank Kristin Caparro '07 for serving the last two points and closing out the game. Last week, Haggerty was named co-player of the week by the Centennial Conference. Haggerty's average of 4.86 kills was vital to the College's dual wins against Ursinus and Swarthmore during the Centennial Conference.

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Senior co-captain Kate Haggerty slams the ball.

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Men's Football faster than a speeding Bullet: 54 - 14

By Kyle Keinath
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The Mules trampled the Gettysburg Bullets 54-14 in what was their last home game. They ruptured the close game with scoring 33 points in the 4th quarter, which is the second highest score in a quarter in the school's history. The 54 points was the highest scored by the Mules offense since 2002 against Mass.-Dartmouth in the 2002 NCAA Tournament.

The offense was impeccable. Sophomore QB Eric Santagato racked up 274 yards and five touchdowns. He gained 72 rushing yards by rushing 16 times. He completed 13 out of 19 passes for a total of 202 yards, with no interceptions. John DeLuca '09 rushed nine times for 102 yards. Matt Johnson '08 rushed for 94 yards.

On the Bullets opening drive, they went 77 yards to score a touchdown. However, later in the quarter, the Mules answered with a 44 yard run by Santagato. In the second quarter, the Bullets and Mules went touchdown for touchdown. This time Johnson ran from three yards out. To open the third quarter, kicker Anthony Acquafredda '07 recovered an onside kick. The Mules scored again after a back and forth struggle, when Santagato connected with Derek DiMattina '07 from 19 yards out. The fourth quarter is where the Mules crushed the hopes of the struggling Gettysburg team.

The defense played a huge part. They held the leading Centennial Conference offense to only 78 yards. Leading the defense was senior Chris Musselman. He had eight tackles and one and a half sacks. Freshman Cameron Ahouse picked a pass at the eight yard line, which was his third interception in two weeks. To cap off an already defensively solid game, freshman Frank Emmett returned a fumble 27 yards for a touchdown on the last play of the game.



Above: Senior Chris Musselman makes one of his eight tackles.

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Above: Sophomore running back John DeLuca on his way to scoring a 67-yard touchdown with 24 seconds left.

Top: Junior fullback Matt Johnson completes a reception.

Left: Senior tight-end Stephen Montalto makes a catch during the first half of the game.

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Head Tutors travel to Texas for conference

By Kim O'Brien
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

A group of the College's Head Tutors recently traveled to Austin, Texas to participate in a prestigious academic conference held Oct. 18 through Oct. 21. Nora Hudis '07, Megan Miller '07, Anna Rossovsky '07 and Jacob Rubin '07 attended the 39th Annual College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA) Conference, held in conjunction with the 25th Annual College Academic Support Programs (CASP) Conference. The program featured networking opportunities, leadership sessions, speakers and downtime to explore the restaurants, bars and historic sites of the city with students from across the nation. Most importantly, students were judged in professional presentations in which 'Berg students received spectacular ratings. "The students really

stunned the crowd with their professionalism," remarked Wendy Cole, Assistant Dean of the College for Academic Life. "It's very prestigious that we got selected." To get accepted, students submitted proposals early in the school year and then spent about two months preparing presentations. Hudis, a Neuroscience major, and Rossovsky, a Biology major, presented *Before All Else, Calm Down!* "We dealt with the effects of stress," summarized Hudis. The presentation included summative research and strategies for tutors and peers in managing stress. With Cole, they prepared a corresponding handbook for campus freshmen.

Miller, a Biology major and Women Studies minor, partnered with Rubin, a Biochemistry major, in the presentation *Winning in the Natural Sciences*. "We covered tutoring strategies for

those who tutor in the natural sciences," stated Rubin. The presentation focused on metacognitive strategies to aid students with the rigorous college science curriculum.

The students faced the daunting task of presenting to – and among – a crowd with much more workforce experience. "Most of the people we presented to were professionals," explained Rubin. "It was definitely unnerving, but at the same time, such a great experience to present to professionals in their fields."

"We were some of the few student presenters and I think they appreciated that," stated Hudis. Cole noted that the strength of the presentations was the group's willingness to relate with their peers. "This group has really learned from their own struggles to

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Staff plans fundraiser to help out a fellow colleague

By Sara Horowitz
WEEKLY NEWS EDITOR

Members of the College staff have taken it upon themselves to help out a fellow colleague, Michelle Elchert, Accounting Clerk and Secretary in the Controller's Office. She has a daughter, Amber, age 15, who was born with a rare and serious heart condition and severe intestinal problems. She was also born without a spleen and must take daily medications, receiving monthly IV infusions that helps boost her immune system.

Because she has struggled with health problems her whole life, she has developed a condition known as Protein Losing Enteropathy from the side effects of all her surgeries and medications. This condition causes Amber's body to accumulate fluid which is carried in her abdomen. Her condition has severely worsened within the past few years and has begun to take a toll on the family.

Amber is now wheelchair bound and a stair lift for their home or an appropriate vehicle would make traveling easier for Amber. In addition, Amber has been hospitalized quite often in the past few months and according to Justine Frantz, Administrative Assistant in the Accounting, Business, Economics and Finance Department, "The family needs more help than ever."

Frantz, along with other

colleagues, have decided to help raise money for the Elchert family. Michelle is forced to take off many days from work in order to be with her daughter, and her family dedicates just as much time and energy to Amber. Frantz said, "Amber is a very loving and courageous young lady. She loves

"The best part of all this is the way everybody is working together. It's heartwarming to see how much people want to give."

Justine Frantz,
Administrative Assistant
in the Accounting,
Business, Economics and
Finance Department

to read and go to school. She loves her family and appreciates their daily care and sacrifices." Frantz saw the sacrifices Michelle was making for her family and decided it was time to do something about it.

Frantz and her colleagues came up with the idea to have a Hoagie fundraiser. For three dollars each, anyone can purchase a hoagie to be delivered on Thurs., Nov. 16 and then again on Thurs., Dec 8. All the proceeds will go to the Elchert family. Frantz said, "With the help of many people working together, this has all been possible."

Since Sodexho does all of the catering for the school, Frantz said she was "extremely grateful" that they allowed Joseph Kornfeind, Associate Dean, Corporate Alliances and Visiting Lecturer of The Wescoe School, to take care of all the catering for the Hoagies.

In addition to the Hoagie fundraiser, Lynn Glazier,

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Jacob Rubin '07, Megan Miller '07, Nora Hudis '07 and Anna Rossovsky '07 demonstrating "the worm dance" to help tutees remember facts.

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The floors are our friends

It's that special time of the year again, and no it's not the Victoria's Secret's semi-annual sale or the first inning of the World Series. It's none other than your beloved registration week; a period of anticipated veneration like those mentioned above, except it's accompanied by painful sighs instead of excited squeals. Why painful yelps instead of expressions of joy and rapture, you may ask? Well, we crouch on the floor in long lines and wake up at the "ass-crack" of dawn just to make sure we get a required class. Basically, registering is just one huge pain in the butt.

For years, students have complained about the backward and antiquated way we sign up for courses. They rave about other colleges that boast electronic registration systems where there are no lines, no need for advisor signatures, and best of all, no leaving your bedroom—that's right folks, registering in your jammies. What could be better? But what's that over-rated saying that never seems to leave mainstream society? No, not Mr. Miyagi's *Karate Kid* wisdom, "The grass is green the sun is warm." We're talking about the age-old saying, "The grass is always greener on the other side." Registering online does seem like a pretty good deal, but like anything that looks too good to be true, there are always downsides. By going to your advisors to go over possible classes, review requirements and attain signatures, you are safeguarding yourself against coming to the end of your senior year one credit short. Could you imagine not graduating because you forgot to take Physical Education? Also, the ladies down in the Registrar's Office are a valuable (and patient) resource, who can offer you alternative classes if yours are closed. Basically, they are walking course packets—can online registering offer you that? In addition, computer glitches are a real threat. What if your comp freaks out and by the time you get your piece of crap running again, the only classes left are Basket Weaving and Ballroom Dancing?

Supposedly, the school will be ready with online registration by the year 2008. But will it be all that it's cracked up to be? Although online registration may prove to be more convenient for the student, it will also require the student to accept more responsibility. You are liable for any mistakes in your schedule, requirements that you failed to fulfill and classes you might have signed up for by accident. To each their own, but we'd rather endure the heinous early morning and floor-hovering over agonizing frustration and increased responsibility.

Make mine a Diet please

By Eric Feld
ASST. OP/ED EDITOR

Registration has rolled around once again. This week, students at the College are obsessively and tirelessly trying to put together the perfect combination of classes that will somehow boost their GPA, relieve them of Friday classes or minimize their early morning wake up calls. Once again, I find myself a very frustrated science major.

Like every other student at the school, I have been scrambling to select classes within my major, assess my potential workload and find courses that satisfy the College's infinite general requirements. I have, thus far, selected a few science classes and a psychology course to fulfill the human behavior requirement. I have no interest in becoming a psychology or sociology major, but I still have to take the same course that psychology and sociology majors complete to satisfy their respective requirements. It's not the first time that I have encountered this problem either, as I am presently battling a 300 level English class.

While I grudgingly select the classes outside of my major to submit myself to, my friends ask for my advice concerning which are the easiest science classes to take. One instant message asks, "Eric... should I take Topics in Environmental Science or Concepts of Biology in Practice?" Another friend stops me on Academic Row to ask, "Who is easier? Tsao or Cronin? I really need someone who doesn't teach a lot of science." I have had it to my wit's end with these insulting questions. Most of all, I am disgusted by the College's continued offering of these popularly dubbed "baby science" courses.

The College seemingly admits that science majors take harder classes and do more work than non-science majors. This is NOT to say that non-science majors do not do fantastic, hard work; however, there are no other departments at the College that offer classes for non-majors aside from those in the sciences. While non-science majors complete what I call "Diet Coke science classes," they compete with science majors on the same GPA scale without any sort of adjustment. For a biochemistry major with a C in Principles of Biology to have his GPA judged on par to a dance major with an A in Biology of Movement is nothing short of just unfair.

A look into the archives of *The Weekly* shows that a story ran on Sept. 23, 2004, revealing the mean GPA by department throughout the College as provided by Provost Hass. Students in the Chemistry, Physics and Math Departments (which includes Computer Science) scored significantly lower than students in other majors. Biology students, SEE TOO EASY | PAGE 4

It's the most wonderful time of year

By Matthew O'Donnell
WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

There are certain signs that tell you it is November. The air has a chill about it. The birds have flown south and the bugs have stopped buzzing. A sense of pompous, self-righteousness is exuded by all the people. Shrill, trivial arguments abound while important controversies are ignored. Logic is beaten, stripped and left to die in an alley while its murderer, Irrational Feelings, is resting in the Hamptons, eating caviar, smoking a Cuban cigar and relaxing in a Jacuzzi with a woman in each of its grotesque arms. Everyone is hopeful and anxious, but I'm miserable because everyone has given up on trying to make sense. These are all tell-tale signs that Election Day is coming.

Why do I hate Election Day? First, let me thank you for pretending to care about what I think; during election time I find myself constantly pretending to care about what other people think, and it's nice for someone to return the favor. To answer your question, allow me to reminisce for a moment. When I was a child, I became interested in politics. It was not because I was capable of understanding all the issues or the arguments that I heard; it was because politics seemed like a very adult thing to do, and as a child one of my primary goals was to stop being treated like a child. Now that I'm older, I examine politics and can't find what I thought was so adult about it. Let's examine some of the important issues leading up

to Election Day.

Issue #1: John Kerry made a joke. At first I sympathized with Kerry, because I've made many jokes in my life and had complete morons try to manipulate them into statements that promote their agendas. But then I began to think, and I realized what Kerry's joke really meant: John Kerry hates America. Being funny, or trying to be funny as in Kerry's case, is the most un-American thing someone can do, and before you ask, yes, I am including strangling a bald eagle with the American flag while blowing your nose in the Constitution. Do you know why George Washington had wooden teeth? It's because he ripped them out due to his intense hatred of laughter and smiling. Our country was built upon the solid foundation that humor is evil and should immediately result in someone becoming offended. Before you bother to point out that Kerry served in the military, let me dismiss that argument by reminding you that Election Day is coming up; I no longer need logic. To be serious for a moment, the only thing offensive about Kerry's joke was the smug look of self-satisfaction he had after he made it. First, it wasn't that funny. Second, a person should at least act like they've made a funny joke before.

Issue #2: Rush Limbaugh hates Michael J. Fox. Limbaugh accused Fox of exaggerating the symptoms of his illness in a commercial for Senate candidate Michael SEE E-DAY | PAGE 4

So long Saddam

Hussein did not receive just punishment when he was recently sentenced to death by hanging. The punishment was officially handed down because of the execution of 148 men and boys in the town of Dujail during Saddam's reign. However, that incident only scratches the surface of the atrocities committed by him.

Hussein was the aggressor of the bloody Iraq-Iran war of the 1980's which led to millions of Arabs being killed at the price of his own greed. He also instigated a conflict with Kuwait in the early 1990's, which again led to war. Outside of starting wars, Hussein systematically eliminated any of his political opponents. Beginning with those in the Baath party who disagreed with him and spreading to the use of chemical weapons on his fellow citizens, Hussein was a ruthless killer. Iraqis under his rule had a choice, either agree with him or face certain torture and death.

It is nearly impossible to put a number on the deaths for which Hussein is personally responsible. He ran his country into the ground

economically and suppressed the rights of his people, keeping them in a constant state of fear. When looking at his record, his punishment does not seem harsh enough.

After the verdict was announced, celebration erupted among the Shi'ites who make up the majority of Iraqis, and who were also the ones harshly suppressed by Hussein. The Sunnis of Iraq marched in protest, as the person who favored them for years is finally going to be forced to pay for his sins. The various reactions to the verdict on Hussein show the deep splits in Iraq, and the reason for the ongoing civil war. People of Iraq don't look at themselves as Iraqis, they identify with their religious or ethnic sect. Instead of uniting his country, Hussein played to these

prejudices for his own political gain.

Even though I am a consistent critic of the war in Iraq, the finding of Hussein in a hole in the ground and the subsequent prosecution of him has been justice at its finest. Seeing him reduced to living like a rat, and then being prosecuted by his own fellow citizens is something every human being should enjoy watching. Hopefully, his hanging will offer

some comfort to the millions of Iraqis whose lives have been negatively impacted by the tyrannical dictator.

Whatever date Saddam Hussein is hanged, it will be a day of justice and proper retribution for all his actions. It would be hard to form any type of argument saying Hussein deserved to even rot in a jail cell for the rest of his life, pro-death penalty or not.

"Whichever side of the issue you stand on, it would be hard to argue that Saddam Hussein did not receive just punishment when he was recently sentenced to death by hanging."

World News & Politics

Joe Caporoso
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

The death penalty has always been a source of controversy. Some argue it is an outdated, uncivilized form of punishment not fit for our modern times. Others believe it is the only way to send a proper message to those who commit the most grievous of crimes. Whichever side of the issue you stand on, it would be hard to argue that Saddam

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E-DAY | FROM PAGE 2 Steele. I am now going to defend Limbaugh's train of thought in a very logical manner that is completely devoid of sensitivity. Fox has Parkinson's disease. I believe it is logical to assume that he does not want Parkinson's disease. Stem cell research has a high probability of curing Parkinson's disease. Therefore, it might, possibly, sort of, kind of, maybe, could have, conceivably been a motivation for Fox to lie or exaggerate. Do I believe that Fox exaggerated his illness? No, because I'm not an idiot. I reached that logical argument by being the winner of The Most Jaded Man Alive contest; Limbaugh reached that argument by being a mindless tool of propaganda, much like Michael Moore. That is the reason I am able to understand Limbaugh's reasoning, but disagree with his conclusion. Also, it is extremely troubling that Democrats would gang-tackle someone for questioning the motivations of another person. Motive is the key component to understanding action. Mindlessly going around not questioning people's motives may be super peachy-keen of you, but it also makes you an exploitable moron. Along this line of thinking, I am extremely confused that no one would be angry at Michael Steele, who is essentially using the terrible symptoms of another man's disease to win a Senate race. I can easily imagine Steele sitting in his office, watching the commercial and delighting in the fact that Fox's suffering is going to result in his victory. Think about those two God-awful 9/11 movies that came out. Someone saw a tragedy and said to themselves, "Hey, I can make money off that." Welcome to America, where dignity never gets in the way of dollars.

This op-ed is not intended to stop people from voting; it is intended to remind people to abandon the pretentious nature surrounding Election Day and politics in general. When you enter the polls, you should vote for your best choice. When you exit the polls, you should remember that your best choice is not necessarily the right choice. Despite all of my objections, I still vote. However, I do not have any illusions that I'm participating in some noble, sacred rite. I am voting in a system that is functional, but still broken and inefficient. Fortunately for Americans, functional but broken is still infinitely better than what most nations on Earth have achieved: Nonfunctional, broken and ultra-violent. I am simply saying that if you made me choose between my right to vote or a sandwich, I'd need to ask what kind of sandwich.

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though not faring the worst, still scored on the lower end of the GPA spectrum.

While I grudgingly select the classes outside of my major to submit myself to, my friends ask for my advice concerning which are the easiest science classes to take.

- Science majors throughout the College would also agree that it is completely unfair to receive the

same single credit for 3 hours of lecture and 3 hours of lab every week as another individual that takes Concepts of Biology, for example, 3 hours a week. One should at least receive two times as much credit for attending twice as much class.

- I understand that my strong feelings on this subject may offend the majority of students on campus who happen to be non-science majors. In no way do I mean to cheapen all of the significant accomplishments of non-major students throughout the college. It is, however, time for our school that boasts a reputation of academic excellence to break the unfair practice of "Diet Coke science classes."



It's so hot outside; "Urine" was a bad choice

By Andrew Smith
BUSINESS MANAGER

Before discussing the College's theatre program in great detail, I would like to first state that I am a supporter of all performing arts programs and their various goals/agendas. Throughout my entire life, I have always enjoyed going to Broadway plays, operas and other artistic events. At the College, the theatre program is extraordinary, consisting of a very talented group of student actors. Whenever I have attended a show here, I have always been appreciative and amazed by the talent exhibited by these students. In fact, the College's theatre program is probably relative to an Off-Broadway type experience.

However, there is a major problem: During Family Weekend (a weekend dedicated to parents, siblings and other relatives of current students), my sister asked if I could purchase tickets to one of the MTA's (Muhlenberg Theatre Association) performances. My parents were also interested in seeing a show, as my sister is very interested in coming to Muhlenberg for the Performing Arts program one day. When I looked to see what show was playing, I found out that *Urinetown* was selected.

Urinetown? Now, my sister is thirteen years old, and she could not possibly understand the following description of the musical: "In a myth-

ical, embattled city devastated by a 20-year drought, corporate officers, frightened citizens, and ruthless cops are fighting over 'the privilege to pee.' To preserve the failing supply of water, private toilets are outlawed and citizens must pay increasingly higher fees to use the public facilities controlled by a single monopolizing corporation..." How is this considered to be an interesting genre anyway? Isn't there another show that we could have picked?

I think we must take into consideration that many students at the College have younger siblings (that would never be interested in such a show). These performances are not an appropriate genre for them and for many other people. Now, one might respond by saying that the musical performances are always sold-out during Family Weekend. Thus, the MTA is doing a good job of providing adequate shows for our community. However, one must also consider that there is nothing to do during Family Weekend. What else is there to do with your family for an entire weekend? It's not like we live in some cultural mecca, full of fun and interesting activities. This is Allentown!

Last year (more interestingly), the MTA chose *Cabaret* as their show for the Family Weekend. Can we seriously think this through for a

moment? Isn't that the show with explicit scenes of sexuality and other inappropriate content? Who is choosing these performances? What is going on here? I don't think my parents would want to see something like *Cabaret* or *Urinetown*. There are hundreds of other Broadway and Off-Broadway shows from which to choose. Why do we have to pick the raunchiest of genres to run at our school? It gives parents and siblings the wrong impression of the College's theatre program.

I think it is also unfair to the actors because these individuals are highly talented and should be able to perform in shows that people actually want to see. Why can't we pick *Oklahoma*, *The Sound of Music*, *Carousel*, *Phantom of the Opera*, or just something normal for once? I have an idea for the next Family Weekend: Let's choose something completely inappropriate and uninteresting for our parents and younger siblings. Let's just turn off everyone to our performing arts program--as if they are not paying enough for their students to attend this school! MTA: Please choose a genre more suitable for the entire College community. I do realize that our student actors need a challenge (and experience in alternative play-acting), but please let's keep in mind the audience who attends these shows during the Family Weekend.

Dean Green and her journey to the 'Berg

By Rebecca Scarborough
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

On Mon., Nov. 6 at 7:00 p.m., the second event of the College's "Religious Celebration Week," which is from Nov. 5 to Nov. 11 took place. Karen Green, Dean of Students and Vice President for Student Affairs, gave a lecture entitled, "This Is My Story," about her journey to the College.

Daniel Mahler '10 and Laura Sukonick '10 were among the many people who came to hear her and enthusiastically sat in the front row, proudly wearing green to honor the Dean. The Great Room quickly filled up with students, faculty and personal friends. Among the crowd was Michael Hull '10, who enthusiastically said that he and Dean Green are close. "We're in Gospel Choir together," Michael explained.

After an introduction, Dean Green stood to thunderous applause from her audience and flashed them a peace sign. She then opened her story with, "I am here

because of who I am." Then she went into a detailed and quite personal description of her life, which she referred to as "a mini-series."

Early on she took the time to explain a quilt she had hanging behind her, saying that quilts have been a sign of resistance for her. She explained, "I chose the quilt as a metaphor of my story." She told the story of the quilt, which was signed and given to her by students and faculty of Hamilton College when she left.

She told a quick but interesting story of her childhood, and moved quickly onto her teenage years. She touched on stories of her life, including a lover dying in Vietnam. She also talked about a friend she met named Alexis Dees. She spoke about their complicated but deep and fulfilling friendship. Green went on to explain that Dees suddenly passed away three years ago. "I miss her terribly," she said.

Green then lightened the subject a little and shared her spiritual values. She told the

audience that she felt a special connection with Esther from the bible. She jokingly said that she wished she could make a movie of Esther's story, featuring Actress Halle Berry as Esther and Actor James Earl Jones as the voice of God. She explained her love for Esther because she and Esther were women in minorities pushing against a patriarchal society. She said that what she learned from Esther's story is that "there is a cost" to standing up for oneself. She said, "For too long, many of us have allowed others to define us."

Green said, "God comes to meet us at our point of need. We are not alone, but we must reach out." With this powerful message, she ended her speech. Green then opened the floor for questions. One person asked how one can hold on to their personal identity. Green responded that one must make it for themselves. She said, "Rewards come from knowing you're true to who you say you are."

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HEAD TUTOR

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go on and teach others," she stated. "That is really something only students can teach to others, and I think the judges realized that."

This is not to say that the conference was an easy task. "Balancing academics and time was definitely a challenge," said Rossofsky. "We're all looking ahead to after college - with Nora, Megan and I looking to med schools and Jake preparing for veterinary." Miller agreed that the largest obstacle in preparing was "definitely time management. We're all enrolled in many upper level courses, and it's an enormous amount of work."

All four take on an impressive activity load: Hudis is a tour guide, Hillel member and Biology department researcher. Miller is also a tour guide and involved in dance, DANA Scholars and honor societies Alpha Epsilon Delta and Omicron Delta Kappa. Rossofsky is a campus R.A. as well as a member of the Biology club and Rubin, a three-year tutor, is President of the Chemistry Club. In addition,

the students hold the Head Tutor responsibilities and are actively involved in planning and implementing the Peer Tutoring Program. "They do much of the training at the College. It's pretty much a peer-led opportunity," Cole explained.

"These students keep it dynamic and interesting."

All four Head Tutors agreed that the conference was worth the preparation. "This was a great experience, absolutely," stated Miller. She added, "We got to see a different part of the country. We got to present to professionals and gained great feedback."

Jacob Rubin '07

marized: "It was a great time. We gained a lot of experience and had fun too."

"This is the only the second time we've done this organization, and already our tutors have created such an impression," stated Cole, noting that the College is certified at the top Master Tutor level through the CRLA. "I was really struck by their pride in their school and willingness to help peers. They did an outstanding job representing the College."



Rake-a-thon is an annual council event where members volunteer to rake the lawns of our neighbors in the community. It's a chance to get Muhlenberg students involved with the surrounding community and we had a great turnout this year. We raked the lawns of around 25 houses. Lisa Harrison '08 and Scott Gordon '08, take a break from raking to pose for a picture.

Compiled by Katie Bernis '09

College celebrates Religious life with a week of events

By Elyse Ettin
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Religious Life Celebration Week, a week devoted to celebrating a variety of different religions, has been taking place this whole week at the College. The week was designed this past summer as a result of a suggestion from the review of the Religious Life Offices by the Board of Observers at the College. Religious Life Celebration Week is sponsored by the Chapel, Hillel, Newman Center, Office of Multi-Cultural Life, Student Activities Office, President's Office, Public Relations, Dining Services and Trexler Library.

Peter Bredlau, the College Chaplain, said, "We decided to do the week to celebrate the groups and religions that make significant offerings to the campus community."

Many activities have taken place this week in honor of Religious Life Celebration Week. The week

kicked off on Sun., Nov. 5 when the College hosted a concert by a seven-member band from Connecticut called the Afro-Semitic Experience. The band, which started in 1999, plays a mixture of Jewish and African-American music. "The concert was well attended and very enjoyable for all who did attend," said Bredlau.

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Peter Bredlau,
College Chaplain

On Mon., Nov. 6, Karen Green, Dean of Students and Vice President for Student Affairs, gave a presentation entitled, "This is My Story." In this talk, Green mentioned many experiences that she has had in her life. She related her life to the life of Esther in the Bible since she and Esther are both women of minorities.

On Tues., Nov. 7, the Garden Room served a variety of foods from different religious traditions in order for students to learn about popular dishes from various faiths.

On Wed., Nov. 8, *The Camden 28*, a movie about religious people who protested against the Vietnam War, was shown. The filmmaker was here for the viewing of the film and for a dinner.

On Thurs., Nov. 9 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Seegers Union Lobby, the College will be hosting an open mic night in. Anyone can sing, as long as they choose a song with a religious theme. Various singing groups at the College will also be performing.

On Fri., Nov. 10, a Martin Luther birthday party will take place at lunchtime. Martin Luther is the founder of the Christian ref-

ormation and of the Lutheran Church, with which the College is affiliated. Students will have the opportunity to post their ideas for changing the church on the red door since Martin Luther posted his 95 ideas, or theses, on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany.

Religious Life Celebration Week will end on Sat., Nov. 11 with a viewing of the three Indiana Jones movies in the Red Door Cafe. The movies are filled with a variety of religious themes. In addition, since most students seem to enjoy these movies for entertainment reasons, they hope to draw a larger crowd.

Religious Life Celebration Week has featured and will continue to feature many different religious activities. It is the hope of the College that students, faculty and staff alike will come to better understand religious life both at the College and in the world as a result of this week.

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Office Manager in Plant Operations, daughter has made bracelets to sell to the campus community right before Christmas time. The profits will go straight to the family. Frantz has gone around to local businesses and sent letters to various local companies asking for donations and raffle prizes. In the near future, there will be a raffle for the community with prizes, including passes to Dorney Park, discounts at local restaurants and casino vouchers. Frantz and her colleagues are also looking into selling t-shirts for Valentine's Day.

Frantz said her goal is to collect enough money to truly help out the Elchert family. She said, "The best part of all this is the way everybody is working together. It's heartwarming to see how much people want to give." Although Frantz has modestly refused to take all of the credit, she saw the Elchert family's sacrifices and hardships firsthand, and since she has done this type of fundraising before, she knew she could do it again. She said that "with the help of many others, she knew this could all be possible."

Campus Safety Notes

Oct. 31 - Institutional Vandalism - Someone stole the K out of PKT that was mounted on the north side of the Hillside House. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 31 - Theft - A vehicle was immobilized for stolen property and vandalism to property in addition to theft, vehicle fines, and registration. The matter will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Oct. 31 - Theft - The "National Tutor Appreciation Week" sign was stolen from Seegers Union. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 31 - Harassment - A student reported feeling threatened and harassed by her boyfriend.

Oct. 31 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to dust from emptying a trash can in the

Life Sports Center.

Nov. 1 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off on 330 N. 22nd Street due to cooking.

Nov. 1 - Sick Student - A student reported that he had chest pains from smoking marijuana. He was transported to the hospital by Allentown EMS.

Nov. 2 - Institutional Vandalism - A toilet paper holder was torn down on the first floor women's bathroom in Prosser Hall. There are no suspects at this time.

Nov. 2 - Vehicle Violation - A vehicle in the Trexler Library parking lot was ticketed for not being registered. The car already had six tickets. The owner was identified and made arrangements to pay fines with the Controller's Office.

Nov. 2 - Injured Employee -

An employee in Haas injured her back. The Health Center was notified, and a handicap-accessible van transported her from the building.

Nov. 2 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to cooking on 419 Leh Street.

Nov. 2 - Fire Alarm Sounding - An alarm was set off by dust from students sanding the walls in Macgregor Village.

Nov. 3 - Fire - There was a small fire in the fryer in the Garden Room kitchen. The extinguisher was used to put it out.

Nov. 3 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off in the Keck House due to baking cookies.

Nov. 3 - Criminal Mischief - A student at 414 Albright Street reported that his building was shot at with a

BB gun, and the window was hit with a pellet. There are no suspects at this time.

Nov. 4 - Underage Alcohol - A female student was sick due to alcohol consumption. She was transported to St. Luke's by Allentown EMS and cited for underage consumption of alcohol.

Nov. 4 - Fire Alarm Sounding - An alarm went off at 2202 Gordon Street due to a fan overheating.

Nov. 5 - Underage Alcohol - A student was arrested on Gordon Street for driving with a blood alcohol concentration greater than .02, underage consumption of alcohol and a traffic violation since he went through a stop sign.

Nov. 6 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off at 2238 Gordon Street due to burnt popcorn.

Nov. 6 - Vehicle Violation - A vehicle parked at 26th and Chew Streets was booted due to \$875 in fines.

Nov. 6 - Theft - A student reported that someone else had used his credit card at the bookstore and the mall. The matter is being referred to the Dean's Office, but the victim will not pursue charges.

Nov. 6 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off at 2245 Liberty Street due to cooking on the stove.

Nov. 6 - Motor Vehicle Accident - A motor vehicle accident took place in the Trexler Library parking lot.

Nov. 6 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off on the third floor of South Hall due to burnt popcorn.

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Life!

"The purpose of life, after all, is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experiences."

-Eleanor Roosevelt

An old Turkish tradition: How coffeehouses have blossomed

By Emma Bartholomew
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

The Turkish tale of the first coffeehouse is attributed to an army officer, Franciszek Jerzy Kulczycki, who started a coffeehouse from the coffee beans given to him by the Polish King following the Battle of Vienna in 1683. Coffeehouses started as meeting places where business could be handled, philosophies exchanged and works of literature read.

In the 17th Century, they spread from their original roots in Venice, Istanbul and Cairo, emerging in Europe within the following decades. They became gathering places for merchants, poets, lawyers, booksellers and people interested in the exchanging of ideas and information over a cup of coffee. In more recent years, the coffeehouse has also become associated with live music, most commonly jazz or acoustic guitar.

On Sat., Nov. 5, the MUSES Literary Magazine hosted such a coffeehouse in The Red Door Café. Beginning at 9:00 p.m., it involved a range of independent student per-

formers showcasing their work. Upon entering The Red Door, the atmosphere was immediately inviting. The lighting was dim except for a circle of focus on the stage, resulting in an intimate ambiance. Chairs were pulled around the couches, shoes kicked off and an assortment of coffee, tea and biscuits were laid on the bar. There was an initial feeling of warmth upon walking in on this event. All eyes were drawn to the performers, and there was a hush of appreciation emitted from the audience.

Bailey Verdone '09, prose editor of MUSES, remarked on the atmosphere, of The Red Door, describing it as the perfect place to have the coffeehouse.

"A good chunk of the attendees were freshmen and people living on the other side of campus. It was nice having this middle ground where everybody could meet," explained Verdone. Previous MUSES coffeehouses have been hosted in the Martin Luther Underground, which Verdone speculated had been intimidating to freshmen trekking across campus to the event.

Abby Mayerhoff, Editor-in-Chief of MUSES, introduced the performers. Sixteen students performed in total, creating a two-hour long event. Authors reading original work included Christopher Shepherd '07, Dan McClung '08 and Bailey Verdone '09. Poetry and prose were recited, as well as a "really, really short story" from Verdone.

The night was definitely not short of talent, and some students performed original music amidst the literary readings. There was a performance from *The Late Cretaceous*, a two-person band performing folk-rock songs about dinosaurs. The band consisted of Jordan Miller '10 on guitar and Josh Frees '10 on saxophone. One of the songs culminated in a sing-along, with which the audience was not hesitant to become involved.

Scott Stephen Clausen '07, performed two of his original songs on guitar earlier in the evening. From a performer's point of view, he found the coffeehouse to have a different tone from other student performances. He played his first song sitting on the stage, but left the stage

for his second. He explained, "On the second song, I got off of the platform and went down on the floor to be closer to the audience - I felt it was the kind of environment that welcomed that. You could tell everybody was interested in listening, and when everybody is right there with you, you can put forth your best performance."

In reference to how the night felt, Clausen smiled. "I think it was mostly pillows," he described, "It was a really comfy atmosphere; everyone seemed to be almost at home."

The student response to the coffeehouse in the days following was exceptionally strong. Verdone noticed this, and remarked on how successful she felt it had been. She was very pleased with the publicity for MUSES and the general feeling of contentment that many students seemed to leave the event with. Ultimately, she expressed hopes of many more coffeehouses as comfortable and successful as Saturday's. She explained, "I wish we could throw a coffeehouse like that once a month, and I would if we could do it."



LEFT: Gillian Visco '07 performs original music at the end the night. Right: Emily Harring '09 sings and plays guitar for the crowd that gathered at MUSES' coffeehouse last Saturday night.

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Settling a split: hard no matter what the age

By Lily Hatfield
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNIST

When a marriage ends, the parties involved can receive massive divorce settlements that can include anything from boats to cars to millions of dollars. By being married to a person for X amount of time, you have earned these things, and are entitled to half or part of the monetary gains you have made while together. But what about when a relationship breaks up in college? Who is entitled to the things you have amassed together? Do you take/give back expensive gifts? Who gets what group of friends? Who is supposed to be the "winner"?

When a relationship ends in college, you may feel like you have just wasted a good portion of your life on a person who, in the end, just wasn't right for you. What sort of severance package does a guy get whose ex-girlfriend made him miss countless guy's nights out? How can he reclaim this lost time with his friends? And what sort of reimbursement does

a girl get for riding a cocktail weenie for the last seven months? Does she get a free vibrator? Can she hook up with his best friend? Most of the time you end up with nothing, just a bunch of pictures around your room and a few tokens of your former affection.

How do you split up property? Married people might worry about the house in the Hamptons or the cottage in Aspen. College people have property of their own to split up: Hang-outs, friends and gifts.

Who is going to get The Liberty Street Tavern? Who gets Wednesday nights at Stooges? God forbid you run into each other while out and about, but do we need to have rules about where and when our ex can go somewhere? Is this our severance for weeks or months or years of unwavering devotion? Is this how we are going to make them pay? I would take Stooges and The Tavern in a split. Lupo's is way too

lame and way too far away. You might have to get into some serious legal litigation to work that out.

How about your mutual friends? Of course, your friends will be on your side and will never talk to that scum sucking loser with too much back hair ever again, but what about his friends? You may have formed a bond with your ex's group of girl or guy friends, and as much as you may want to keep these friendships going, it may be a lost cause. College friends are very loyal and will most often stick by their party. After the dust has settled and people's feelings aren't so amped up, maybe try reconnecting with the ex's posse. Until then, do not make an effort to hang out with them and especially do not rub it in your ex's face.

What if one of your ex's best friends is so hot and you have been lusting after him for as long as you can remember? Now you have

your chance, right? So you should go for it. Wrong. Your life may feel like it is ruined in the aftermath of a breakup, but don't actually go out and risk ruining someone else's life by putting them in an ethical dilemma about whether or not to get busy with you. That one is just off limits, even if your ex says it's ok. Awkward!

Again, give this one time, and play it by ear. Do not jump on that fine looking best friend as soon as you become available. You might even want to think about why you are trying to get with someone so close to your ex. Are you vengeful? Are you still mad? Are you going to use his or her sweet, nice and funny best friend to try and get back at your ex? Do they really deserve something like that?

In a relationship, couples exchange tokens of their affection for each other. Sometimes this is reciprocal, and sometimes it is not. One party might have spent hundreds of

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK: WHAT IS THE BEST THING EVER INVENTED?



"Probably the Internet."
- Alex Lotorto '09



"Sliced bread of course!"
-Mike Gillies '10



"Cell phones...so my family can always reach me."
-Becky Grace, Assistant
Director of Residential Conduct



"Toilet paper."
- Jacob Rubin '07



"Lasagna!"
- Jarred Marlatt '08

Compiled by Kim Nguyen

AMC Weekend Listings



The Departed

Fri. 3:30, 6:45, 9:50
Sat. 3:30, 6:45, 9:50
Sun. 12:15, 3:30, 6:45

Flags of our Fathers

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 10:00
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 10:00
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

A Good Year

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

Flushed Away

Fri. 4:40, 7:00, 9:50
Sat. 4:40, 7:00, 9:50
Sun. 1:00, 4:40, 7:00

Borat

Fri. 4:30, 7:40, 10:10
Sat. 4:30, 7:40, 10:10
Sun. 2:30, 4:30, 7:40

Saw III

Fri. 1:30, 7:30, 10:10
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Sun. 1:30, 7:30, 10:10

The Prestige

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause

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Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 9:40
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

"Urine" good hands with the cast of *Urinetown*

By Sarah Sansolo
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Most musicals have a love story, and *Urinetown* is no exception. It's typical, really: Boy meets girl, boy falls in love with girl, boy kidnaps girl in order to win the right to pee for free, and boy is thrown off a building by girl's father, while a revolution builds around them.

Well, maybe *Urinetown* is a little different than the typical musical. It centers on the battle between the evil Urine Good Company, led by Mr. Cladwell (Robert J. Wagner '07), and the poor who are forced to pay Ms. Penelope Pennywise (Sarah Primmer '09) for the "privilege to pee." Young dreamer Bobby Strong (Will Porter '08) leads the poor in rebellion after being inspired by Cladwell's dangerously naïve daughter, Hope (Brigitte Choura '07). After a series of killings, mostly put to music, the poor are victorious, yet the musical ends when the water that Cladwell was carefully hoarding runs out and the people, rich and poor, are left to face sure death.

Urinetown, as narrator Officer Lockstock (Craig Hanson '09) explains to the precocious Little Sally (Rachel Sonia Pereira '07), is not a happy musical. It is funny, though, and the musical's refusal to take itself seriously is carried out wonderfully by the talented cast of actors, singers and dancers.

Porter and Choura put their all into the two-dimensional, hopelessly naïve lovers, delivering silly lines and their beautiful yet strangely worded love song, "Follow Your Heart." With wonderful voices and fantastic character acting, their strong performances continue throughout the entirety of the show.

Both effectively express their characters' idealistic, if unrealistic, hopes through the speeches, songs and dreams, a change. Porter's energy and enthusiasm is

especially notable in "Look at the Sky" and "Run, Freedom, Run!", and Choura's "I See a River" is beautiful.

Wagner '07, portrays a fantastically vile Mr. Cladwell, with energized performances in both "Mr. Cladwell" and the hilarious "Don't Be the Bunny." The ensemble members who perform alongside Wagner as employees of Urine Good Company are just as good at being evil, never losing their haughty airs as they sing and dance in these two numbers and the slightly more serious full cast numbers.

Penelope Pennywise is perhaps the most well-rounded character of the UGC employees, if not the entire cast of characters, and Primmer delivers a wonderful performance as the conflicted manager of Public Amenity #9.

As Ms. Pennywise struggles to keep out of trouble, both from the law and the poor, she also must contend with her own inner struggles related to the "questionable things" that she's done in the past. Primmer conveys these conflicts well, and her vocal talent is clear in her two powerful solos, "It's a Privilege to Pee" and "Why Did I Listen to That Man?"

The ensemble members who play the poor and the cops are also extremely talented, letting their singing and dancing alternate between powerful and hilarious. The cops are especially notable for their performance of the excellent and funny choreography in the "Cop Song."

The work of the choreographer, Karen Dearborn, Professor and Head of Dance and Theater and Dance, is especially notable in the numbers performed by the poor, since many of these songs make use of dance to mock more serious musicals. "What Is Urinetown?" alludes to *Fiddler on the Roof*, "Snuff That Girl" spoofs *West Side Story*, and the famous march from *Les Misérables* is used in the "Act One Finale."

The ensemble members do this wonderful choreography justice, and their singing and acting is equally amazing. The performances of the major ensemble actors, Michael Biren '08, Brittany Beatty '08, Laura S. Packer '07, and Brendon Votipka '09, were especially well acted.

Possibly the most notable performances in the show are those of Hanson and Pereira, who's characters of Officer Lockstock and Little Sally comment on the situations acted out, the musical itself and musicals in general.

Both have remarkable voices, as Hanson shows in "Too Much Exposition" and Pereira shows in her solos during "What Is Urinetown?" and "Tell Her I Love Her." Their acting gives the show added comedy and, especially in Pereira's case, a touch of sadness.

Hanson's Officer Lockstock makes fun of the nature of Broadway musicals, explaining the events in the course of the show by remarking that Hope has to love Bobby because he is the hero of the musical, or that big changes can't occur without a major song.

Pereira is masterful in both her interaction with Hanson and her acting within the actual story. She portrays a very young girl with ease and conviction, but her character also pushes the show along through her thoughtful questions and love for the poor and their cause.

Most musicals don't focus on urination and dying bunnies, but *Urinetown* is well aware that it is no ordinary musical. But with a cast of Muhlenberg students this talented, the help of the orchestra and the production staff, even a play with such odd subject matter could be turned into a humorous and enjoyable show that was able to convey a message about freedom that every student at the College could appreciate and understand.

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dollars on the other person, and feels like they ended up with nothing in their wallet or heart when things go south. Should you ask for gifts back? I mean you could sell them on eBay or, more satisfying, burn them? I will go ahead and say that anything you gave your ex, from jewelry to clothes to crabs, you should let them keep. And girls, don't throw away a perfectly good piece of jewelry or article of clothing just because your ex gave it to you. They gave you a gift because they wanted you to have it and keep it, not just hold it for them while you were going out. Anyone who asks for jewelry or gifts like that back, well, there is the reason you shouldn't be with he/she in the first place.

The end of a relationship is just like a bad sunburn. It

hurts, it's red and swollen and it might even bleed or blister. It's humiliating and everyone can see it. You wear it like a badge of shame on your body. But slowly, the sunburn starts to heal. The skin grows back and it's less tender. The redness dies down and you can see your old self underneath the burn. People may make fun of you, but the people who truly matter and care for you will bring you aloe and will sit with you while you are in pain.

Eventually, no one will be able to tell you ever had a sunburn. And although you will never forget the great day in the sun you had, and it's subsequent painful burn, it will no longer be on your mind or on your skin all the time. Hey, who knows, you might even end up with a tan.

Stay sexy, stay safe
Muhlenberg!

As of today... we're all undefeated

Women's Soccer's valiant effort falls short

By Josh Goldstein
SPORTS WRITER

Muhlenberg Women's Soccer had won eight straight games with six shutouts to get themselves a home playoff game against Ursinus on Tues., Oct. 31. Just a couple of days before, the Mules had capped off their regular season with a 2-0 win over the Bears to guarantee a home playoff game.

Fourteen minutes into the action, Jayne Condon '10 rifled a shot at the Bear goalie. The initial shot was saved, but the rebound went right to Kimberly Hacker '10 who put the ball in the back of the

net for the game's first and only goal. Muhlenberg played great defense the rest of the way, only allowing five shots, and won the game 1-0 avenging their 1-0 playoff home loss to Ursinus of two years ago. The Mules would have to go play top seeded Johns Hopkins at JHU in the second round of the playoffs.

Johns Hopkins was ranked 11 in the Nation coming into the playoff game against the Mules on Fri., Nov. 3, and was looking to show the conference and the nation that they were properly ranked. They had a difficult task of playing the red hot

Muhlenberg Soccer Team that had won nine straight games with seven shutouts.

The thought of another shutout was quickly laid to rest with a Johns Hopkins goal just 17 seconds into the match. However, the thought of a Mules win was still strong with that being the loan goal for either side in the first half.

The second half however, started off like the first half with a JHU goal--this time 27 seconds into the game, and just like that, the season was over. The Mules gave up one more goal later in the half and managed not to get shut out by put-

ting the last goal in with just over five minutes left. The final score in the loss to Johns Hopkins was 3-1.

The women had a magical second half of the season and won nine straight games to get themselves to the conference semi-finals which was remarkable, considering their 4-5 start (1-3) in the conference. This was the end to great Muhlenberg careers for eight seniors, and they will be missed next year, but the Mules have a solid group of underclass women that should carry them to more success over the next few years.



Mallory DiMaio '07 kicks the ball towards the goal.

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Field Hockey goes one and out in Playoffs

By Josh Goldstein
SPORTS WRITER

The Mules had won three straight coming into Wed., Nov. 1 playoff game vs. the Bullets from Gettysburg, and would continue their winning ways. Having beaten Gettysburg 3-1 earlier this season, the Mules were confident that they would be advancing into the semi-finals even though it was their first playoff appearance since in six years.

The game was a defensive battle and scoring chances were few and far between. Finally, the Mules cracked open the scoring with 18:17 remaining. After myriad shots were thrown at Gettysburg by Nikki Rhoads '08, Alyssa Sheldon '09 was able to come up with the ball and put in on the net, finally tipped in by Jessica Hand '07. The Mules' goal would stand as the loan goal as Lauren Schram '07 posted another shutout for the Mules.

Muhlenberg's next task was to take on top seeded Ursinus down in Bear territory. The Mules had been there once before and the Bears had clobbered them 4-1. This was going to be a daunting challenge.

The Mules appeared to be up to the challenge, only trailing 1-0 with 15 minutes left. After being destroyed by three goals earlier in the year, the 1-0 must have kept the Mules' hopes high. However, within a two minute span, the Bears topped on two more goals and won the

game 3-0. Muhlenberg's season was over, but it proved to be a step in the right direction.

It was their first playoff appearance in six years and they had won their first playoff game. They put a solid effort against the seventh ranked team in the nation, and despite losing five key seniors, they should have a pretty good shot at making the playoffs again next year and once again being a Centennial Conference threat.



Senior goalie Lauren Schram stops a shot.

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Men's Soccer takes an early exit from the Playoffs

By Josh Goldstein
SPORTS WRITER

Just over a week before the playoffs, Muhlenberg had pulled off an amazing 1-0 double overtime thriller at home against its playoff opponent, the Gettysburg Bullets. After that game, the Mules went 1-0-1 to make themselves the fifth seed in this year's playoffs.

The Bullets drew first blood scoring with just over 10:30 left in the first half. The score remained the same for most of the rest of the game. However, with 20 seconds left in regulation, Jonathan Kliewer '08 had free kick and placed the ball near the left goal post. Brendan Carroll '09 was able to get his head on the ball and put in the net to tie up the game.

The Mules and Bullets stayed tied through two overtimes, which featured Pete Bennett '08 making a great diving save on a Gettysburg shot. That forced the game into penalty kicks. A.J. Barnold '09 said, "The Gettysburg game was played well by both teams--shootouts are tough and once again luck wasn't on our side there." Muhlenberg lost the penalty kick battle 8-7 and the game.

The Mules may have been disappointed by their early dismissal from the playoffs, but with Bennett in goal and a solid group of sophomores in the field, this team should be a contender for the Conference Championship in 2007.

Barnold said, "I think for the season as a whole, we were a bit unlucky. We should have gotten better results, but overall it wasn't a bad season."

Mule Profile: Tim Seeley

"Not only a leader..."

By Alex Mangini and Ruwani Ganepola
ASST. SPORTS EDITORS

Tim Seeley, Senior Co-captain of the Men's Cross-Country Team is originally from Harleysville, Pa. Growing up, this rural town was ideal for enhancing his cross-country career because there was very little traffic.

He began running cross-country his freshman year of high school. He was initially motivated to run by his father who "ran in high school and was pretty good at it." Seeley adds, "I thought that maybe there was something in the genes that meant I could be good too." Today, he is a leader of the Men's Cross-Country Team where he races in the eight kilometers at meets, which is just a little less than five miles.

Over the past three years at the College, Seeley feels he has progressed and matured as a runner. He admits, "I came in as a freshman thinking that I could never run competitively at this level, even though it was Division III." His coaches provided him with a lot of confidence and helped him overcome his doubts. He goes on to say, "The coaches that I've had throughout the years have been so supportive and have helped me to become the person and the athlete I am today."

When asked about the cross-country season Seeley optimistically responded, "The cross-country season has been going very well for us so far. Collectively, the team has been running faster than it ever has." The teams' solid performance throughout the season prepared them for this year's Centennial Conference. Seeley states, "Conferences went well for us, since we

have not placed second in the Centennial Conference in four years." In addition, Seeley says that the team has been "looking forward to the Mideast Regional race all year, and that's the competition the team is most excited for." Although the team is excited for this race, Seeley believes "it will be the biggest challenge the team has faced this season." It is pertinent that the team succeeds at the Mideast Regional race to qualify for Nationals. Seeley goes on to say that this race "will be the toughest the team has been a part of all year because every participating team in that race will be going all out for the opportunity to extend their season one week by racing at Nationals."

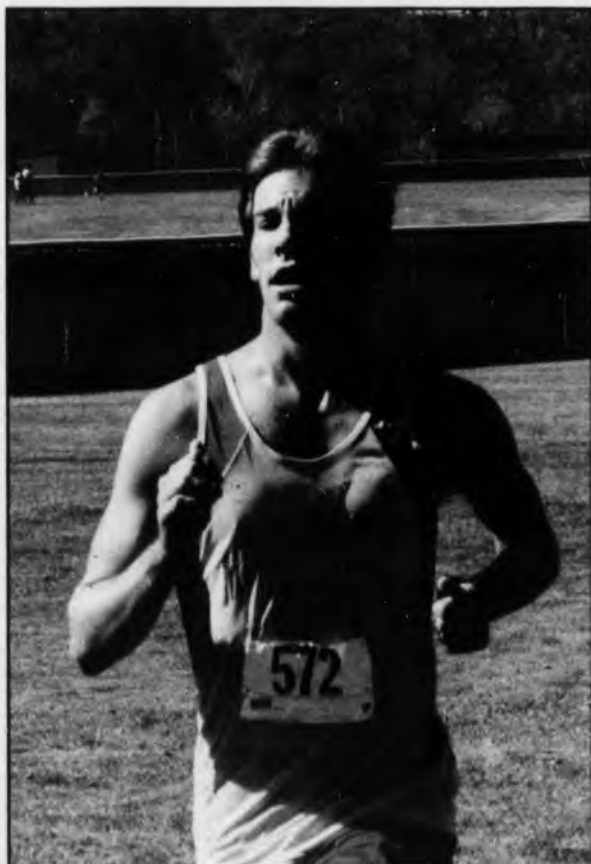
This year as Co-captain, Seeley has had the privilege and responsibility of both motivating and leading the team. Admitting to be the "loudmouth" of the captains, Seeley says, "I'm usually the one to speak up and attempt to get everyone focused and fired up during the team huddles before races. I'm usually the one yelling and screaming in the huddles."

In addition to motivating the team, Seeley admits that "being a captain has made me and all of the other captains better leaders because we have been forced to look deep inside ourselves and our fellow teammates to find what works for each other." Seeley and the other captains have learned "that there is not one way to relate to everyone, and that everybody needs that certain special attention to detail." Seeley considers himself fortunate because he believes that "Overall, all of the captains have grown up and matured so much this season, and I'm proud to be a part of such a special group of people." Teammate Chris May '08 describes Seeley as "not only a leader in terms of his attitude towards the teams' performance, but more importantly Seeley aids in the teams dedication day in and day out."

Seeley is grateful for his coaches and the influence and motivation they provide him and the team. "From day one, the coaches set out for the men's team that our goal was to make it to Nationals. Ever since then, we knew that everything we do has been in order to get closer to qualifying for Nationals, no matter how tough it was, or how tired we were," says Seeley.

Not only is Seeley a talented athlete but he is also a Political Science major and Business Administration minor here at the College.

Even though Seeley believes being a student-athlete can be stressful at times, he says, "You just have to learn to get in a routine and stick to it." The team is lucky to have such an enthusiastic and dedicated captain to lead them through the rest of the season. Good luck to the team at the Mid-East Regionals!



Co-Captain Tim Seeley '07 races toward the finish line.

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Answer to Sudoku

Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9.

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No. 1 vs. No. 2 showdown nearly spoiled

By Zack Gugenheim
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

There have been plenty of fireworks this season, and we already seem to be in the midst of another BCS controversy. If Ohio State or Michigan had actually lost last weekend (or if they lose this weekend for that matter), the BCS system will be in utter chaos, as will crazed fans who have been counting down the minutes to this epic match-up on Nov. 18. You know the game is that big, when websites like CBSSportsline.com has been counting down the days to the game since early October. And yet, both teams nearly blew everyone away by coming a collective 15 points away from being upset. Ohio State recovered an on-side kick with over a minute left to survive an improving Illinois (2-8) team. Although Illinois is the doormat of the Big Ten this year, at least Ohio State struggled with a conference foe.

Michigan, on the other hand, gave up 26 points to Ball State. Yes, that's right, Ball State. What's worse, their star tailback who hadn't fumbled in over 550 carries, fumbled, their quarterback struggled even with their star wide receiver back from injury and, well, a true freshman quarterback, one from BALL STATE, torched their secondary.

Both teams won, and it can be easily said that they are starting to look to their great rivalry on the third Saturday of November. Both teams are on a crash course which will force one of these teams out of the national title picture, and one into it. But, they still have a game before it, and I hope they learn from this past weekend.

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10-year losing streak against McDaniel continues

By Joe Russella
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The favored Mules (4-5, 2-4 CC) came into Scott S. Bair Stadium looking for their first win in Westminster, MD since 1988. After McDaniel College (4-5, 2-3 CC) scored on its opening possession, the Mules' first points came from junior cornerback Joel Haddock's second blocked punt in three weeks, making the score 7-2 in McDaniel's favor.

The Mules opened the second quarter with a 13-play, 56-yard drive that senior place kicker Tim Hughes capped with a season long 42-yard field goal to pull his team within two. On the Mules' ensuing possession a Green Terror interception, with 24 yard return, gave them the ball in Muhlenberg territory. Then, on third-and-6 from the Mules' 43 yard-line, senior quarterback Brad Baer, who was 18 for 28 on the day for 194 yards, threw a 42-yard completion, setting up a first-and-goal from the 1 yard line. A Mules' sack for a 20 yard loss forced the Green Terror offense back to the 21-yard line. With the Green Terror about to attempt a 38-yard field goal, a Muhlenberg timeout and encroachment penalty put the McDaniel offense back in business on the 16-yard line. On the next play, Baer threw a 16-yard fade to the corner pylon to put his team up 14-5 going into halftime. On the other side of the break, sophomore quarterback Eric Santagato ran for two touchdowns, bringing his rushing TD total to 5 in the last two weeks. The Mules, going ahead 19-14, were in position to put an end to a 10 season losing streak to McDaniel College.

The Mules held McDaniel College to only 20 yards on its first three 2nd half possessions. However, McDaniel used its fourth possession to put together a 13 play, 73-yard go ahead scoring drive to lead them to their 11th consecutive win over the Mules. The ensuing squib kick was touched by a Mule returner and recovered by McDaniel College. After three runs netted just six yards but chewed up 2 minutes and 18 seconds off the clock, a 43-yard punt by McDaniel pinned the Mules at their own 2 yard line.

On the Mules' final possession, they advanced only 25 yards before Santagato was picked off to seal the McDaniel victory. Junior tailback Matt Johnson led the Mules on the ground with 92 yards rushing. Sophomore free safety David Mazzola, sophomore outside linebacker Matt Rathbun and sophomore nose guard Billy Moates each had eight tackles to lead the defense. Junior defensive end Tom Tarsitano, who leads the Mules this season in tackles, added seven stops, including two for loss and 1.5 sacks. Senior captain and defensive end Chris Musselman contributed with a recovered fumble and a sack, bringing his Centennial Conference sack total to 9.5. Senior receiving leader Stephen Montalto added 6 catches for 47 yards, bringing his career total to 85 for over 1,000 yards. His 85 catches broke a College record for career receptions by a tight end. He is the also the 19th player in school history to record over 75 catches. The final Muhlenberg football game will be next Saturday as the Mules take on their archrival, the Moravian Greyhounds, while they hope to avenge last years loss and bring their season record to .500

Cross-Country continues their impressive season

By Alex Mangini and Ruwani Ganepola
ASST. SPORTS EDITORS

The Men's Cross-Country team has so far had an extremely successful season. They opened up the season strong when they finished third at the Lehigh Valley Championships on Sept. 1. Later that month on Sept., 30, the team placed an impressive second out of twenty-five teams at Lehigh's Paul Short Invitational. Lex Mercado '07 placed second, Stephen Rothwell '07 placed sixth and Tim Seeley '07 placed ninth out of two-hundred and seventy-three runners. The teams' drive and determination throughout the season brought them one their proudest moments. At this year's

Centennial Conference Championships, the Men's Team placed an impressive second. Going into the Conference, the notable rankings of several of the players helped the team beat out competitive schools such as Dickinson and Swarthmore. Teammate Chris May '08 is proud to say that "this is the deepest team I have seen in my experience at Muhlenberg. They're bound to do very well this up-coming weekend and a few of them should see themselves at Nationals."

The Women's Team also had an impressive season. On their first meet of the year, the Lehigh Valley Championships, the team placed third overall. On Sept., 16, the team was divided in

half; some participated in the Mule/Falcon Classic at Cedar Crest College where they placed eighth, and the other runners competed at the Waynesburg Invitational where they came in a strong fifth. Co-captain Liz Schmitt '07 says, "I am really proud of the team's performance this season. It has definitely been one of the best." October was a very successful month for the team. They placed third at the DeSales Invitational and sixth at the Centennial Conference Championships. Currently, they are ranked ninth in the region and they are optimistic about this Saturday's Mideast Regional Competition. Schmitt says, "Our team is definitely poised to do well at this competition."



The Women's Cross-Country Team gathers together to pose for a quick picture after a meet.

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Senior Co-captains motivate the team.

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Student Body Association meeting addresses monetary issues

By Dan Orlow
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

On Tues., Nov. 14, a Student Body Meeting was held in the Great Room in Seegers. The meeting was open to all students and was focused on the issue of where exactly our tuition money goes. Since tuition has gone up, there has been an increasing desire among students to understand what all of that money is being used for. The meeting was run by David Wrigley '08 and Ryan Campbell '08, Student Body President. The main speaker at the meeting was Kent Dyer, the Chief Business Officer and Treasurer for the College. In his presentation, Dyer used a series of pie charts to illustrate where our tuition money is going. The first pie chart was a breakdown of all expenditures for the

College. The largest expenditure for the College is salaries and benefits for the faculty. This takes up about 43% of the College's budget each year. Financial aid, around 22% of the budget, was the next largest expenditure. After these two portions of the budget came the operations budgets, which includes things such as programs on campus, the admissions department and money for utilities. This takes up about 22% percent of the College's spending as well. An example of the money that is put in the operating budget is the money that is being used to build the two new dormitories. There is one being built on 22nd and Chew, which should be completed around mid-February, and another which is going to be constructed where MacGregor Village now

stands. Debt service, or bonds that the College has to pay off, consists of 4.8%. The other 7.6% was put under the category "other" consisting of things such as special projects and reserve funds. After presenting his initial breakdown of the College's spending, Mr. Dyer then elaborated on pie charts which were breakdowns of each of the above categories. In addition to Mr. Dyer, Christina Vergos '09 also spoke briefly on the student activities fee, a fee that all students pay which helps to create the General Fund, which is used by Student Council to fund different activities on campus. The annual student activities fee is \$225, or \$112 a semester. When this is multiplied by 2,218, the number

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Students learned where their money goes at Tuesday's Student Body Meeting.

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Council supports hookah resolution

By Sara Horowitz
WEEKLY NEWS EDITOR

As reported previously, the College has banned the use of hookahs on campus and has included the details of this ban in the Student Policy and Resource Guide. It reads, "Possession of hookah is prohibited on any College property. If a hookah is found and con-

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President Helm

tains a drug residue indicating prior use, the hookah will be confiscated and tested. If the hookah is clear of any drug substance, it will be released to the owner at the time of his/her departure from campus to home."

Upon hearing this new ban, some students and faculty felt like the policy infringed on students' rights. President Helm said, "Obviously using hookahs to smoke illegal substances is a bad thing and the College can't condone it. Even smoking legal substances (flavored tobaccos and the like) is unhealthy - but a choice people are free to make in places where smoking is permitted. While my own hookah-smoking days are long since over, I recognize that smoking a bowlful of legal tobacco with friends from a hookah can be a convivial (if

unhealthy) form of socializing."

Sarah Efronson '07 and Blaine McFeeley '08 proposed a resolution to student council to modify the ban. Efronson said she found out about the policy in one of her morning classes where a student brought it up. The class then discussed the issue in class. She said, "I'm not even sure that any of the students in my classroom owned hookahs but most were concerned that this was one more way that the school could take away students' rights. Hearing students in my classes discuss the issue and seem upset about the new policy made me realize that it was important to discuss in Council."

Efronson and McFeeley felt like the best way to bring their concerns to the administration was to write a formal resolution to

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Sarah Efronson '07

Student Council. Some of the concerns which appear in the resolution include "an invasion of privacy and a negative preemptive assumption that the administration is making upon Muhlenberg students."

One of the ways which

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THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

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Executive Editor

Up in smoke: Is the College taking our rights away?

Think back to late August. You pulled up to your respective dorm or house with your car piled up with clothing, food, sheets and tons of other stuff that you'd probably never use. Reverently, you reached into the back of your car and pulled out your "precious"—the hookah. The "precious" may get you through stressful moments, provide a social activity for you and your friends and just give you some moments of peaceful relaxation, but you should have left your "precious" at home.

The College has recently decided to follow the growing trend seeping through colleges across the country and has implemented a ban on the hookah. The College is mostly concerned with this tool being used to smoke illegal substances, but as the Student Council's Letter to the Editor points out, apples and spoons can be used to smoke as well. Will soup-spoons be banned next, leaving students slurping from bowls? This ban has stirred up trouble among students who are outraged by the infringements on their legal rights to own and smoke tobacco from hookahs.

To an extent, we appreciate the College's concern about drug use on campus and its efforts to crack down on this issue that only seems to be growing. And in all reality, students don't need hookahs. Yes, many laud them as social facilitation devices, nurturers of relationships and breeding grounds for intellectual conversation. But why do we need tobacco and hookahs to inspire mind-provoking discussion? We are smart individuals, receiving a top-ranked liberal arts education. We should be able to think by ourselves without any outside stimulants. Putting aside any "That 70s Show" haze-filled basement scenes, using hookahs to smoke tobacco is a legal right that should be granted to students just like the freedom of speech and should not be taken away without fair warning or valid argument. Perhaps more notice could have been given to the Student Body citing the increased awareness and concern of hookahs on campus before taking such radical action as proposing a ban. Obviously, not all students smoke tobacco and so this ban may not even affect a majority of those on campus. However, this ban does represent an infringement of legal rights, a violation that does affect us all.

To the Editor:

As a concerned member of the Muhlenberg community and a cast member of the recent production of *Urinetown*, I am very disenchanted by the necessity I feel towards writing a response to the article entitled, "It's so hot outside; 'Urine' was a bad choice." In this crude criticism, Mr. Smith displayed an ineptness of journalism that was frankly offensive.

Mr. Smith grumbles, mainly, about whether *Urinetown* falls within an "appropriate genre." The Muhlenberg Catalog states, "An important feature of theatre education at Muhlenberg is the award-winning performance program. The production season is grounded in the belief that as an academic discipline, theatre must be simultaneously intellectual and experiential."

There are no stipulations within the doctrine of the department that hinge upon appropriateness of a particular "genre." The productions, while quite successful as cultural events in the area, are intended to act as educational tools which focus on the process as well as exposure to interesting and pertinent literature.

I draw the reader's attention to the third paragraph of Smith's discourse, where he quotes a description as evidence that it would not be appropriate for his thirteen-year-old sister. Smith says "How is this considered to be an interesting genre? Isn't there another show that we could have picked?" I am curious whether the author attended a performance, and why he doubts

The C.A. strikes back

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

In order to show the disappointment of a large portion of students represented by this Council, we would like to express our opposition to the New Hookah Policy. We believe that other colleges' switching of policies is not a sufficient reason to change our own policies. In understanding that hookahs have legal uses which are a positive alternative to many other negative and sometimes illegal activities, we disagree with this new policy. Although hookahs have the potential to be used for illegal purposes, there are many other objects which have this potential as well, such as cups, apples and spoons; however, only certain students use these items for this purpose.

We believe it is an invasion of our privacy and a negative preemptive assumption that Muhlenberg College is making upon all of its students. If the College finds a trace of an illegal substance or if there is evidence that a specific hookah has been used illegally, it is legitimate for said hookah to be banned. Otherwise, we believe it is the right of Muhlenberg College students to use and own hookahs on the College's campus as they are legal in the city of Allentown, the state of Pennsylvania and the Country of the United States of America. Moreover, the College is concerned with its lack of diversity and multicultural experiences on campus, but by banning hookahs the College demonstrates its lack of interest in providing its students with opportunities to participate in a distinct cultural experience. We resolve that this policy be revoked immediately and that positive uses of hookahs are promoted on campus, perhaps through cultural or other events.

Sarah Efronson, Class of 2007 President
Blaine McFeeley, Class of 2008 Representative

This letter is fully endorsed by Muhlenberg College Student Council.

his sister's comprehension of the play. My eleven-year-old brother had no trouble discerning the meaning of the show, and while I can understand that appropriateness is a personal matter to be decided by a parent or guardian, the layers of humor and meaning in *Urinetown* are such that it actually appeals to a much wider audience than one might assume.

In the following paragraph, Mr. Smith references the general success of ticket sales during Family Weekend. He warns the Muhlenberg Theater Association against seeing this as a triumph, and instead attributes it to a lack of apt entertainment opportunities on campus. This is offensive to the cast and crew of the Family Weekend production, as well as the countless people involved in the planning and execution of various activities meant to divert the visiting relatives of the students.

Smith suggests that we try to pick shows that are "normal for once." He offers *Carousel*, a musical about spousal abuse, as a better alternative for the parents and siblings of the Muhlenberg students. An excellent choice, however, I think it would be odd for the department to produce *Carousel* twice in the same year since it was performed this summer.

Perhaps next year we will take you up on your suggestion and "choose something completely inappropriate and uninteresting" so that we may "perform in shows that people actually want to see," or maybe we will continue to strive to bring the thought-provoking productions to the community that have made our department so highly lauded.

Whichever route the department chooses to follow, I hope, Mr. Smith, you will at least grace us with your patronage so that any further concerns may come from a true reaction to our work, rather than an angry, diatribe resulting from a cursory glance at a plot summary and a title, a title which is mocked by the-show itself.

-Ryan Brown '09

Student
Council
disagrees
with new
policy of
hookah
crackdown

Changing of the guard



Joe Caporoso
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

One of my previous articles questioned whether the Democratic Party could step up on Election Day and take advantage of a displeased American public. They answered with a resounding "yes" this past Tuesday, with an absolute thumping of the Republicans. Americans made a statement: it was time for a change. The same old story from the Grand Old Party (GOP) was not getting through anymore, as they watched their control of Washington go down in flames.

The House of Representatives fell on Tuesday night, as the Democrats gained 28 seats and now hold a 229-196 advantage. Taking the Senate didn't come as easily. It wasn't until Wednesday when the decisive races in Montana and Virginia fell in the

Democrats' favor, giving them a razor-thin 51-49 majority, with the pledged support of two independents. Yet the icing on the cake came when embattled Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld, handed in his resignation.

Clearly overwhelmed with increasing criticism coming from all angles, Rumsfeld couldn't find a way to face a Congress that wasn't GOP dominated. He leaves a legacy of arrogance and failure. His foolish commitment to forming a smaller, quick-strike military led to a lack of necessary troops in Iraq. That, along with his underestimation of the potential

insurgency, made a difficult task in Iraq nearly impossible. Complaints from troops about a lack of adequate equipment and calls for his resignation from multiple high-ranking generals all added to his tarnished term in office. One can only hope that President Bush's new nominee, Robert Gates, will do more justice to the position than Mr. Rumsfeld.

As the new majority holder in both houses of Congress, the Democrats have many challenges facing them. Establishing a less partisan, ideological environment in Washington is essential. Finding a common ground and a bi-partisan approach to issues needs to be of more importance than trying to find a way to make the rival party look bad. This bi-partisan approach needs to focus on finding an effective strategy for Iraq, one that will work to limit American casualties and be open to more political diplomacy in the region. Other headline issues include finding a more effective health care system and finding a way to increase the job outlook in many manufacturing practices.

As a party, the Democrats have already reached a consensus on a handful of smart moves to be enacted by all the newcomers. These moves include raising the minimum wage, working to lower college tuition payments, re-starting federal funding for stem cell research and legislation making it easier for unions to organize their workers.

The Republicans' stranglehold on all three branches of the government took a hit this November. Some of the old guard has begun to crumble, making way for a fresh outlook in Washington. Winning in 2006 was great for the Democrats, yet the stakes get higher in 2008. The legislative branch is the only the first step towards re-building what has been broken down by the Republicans.

*Donald Rumsfeld
handed in his resignation... He leaves a legacy of arrogance and failure...[and] made a difficult task in Iraq nearly impossible.*

To the Editor:

Registration certainly is a difficult task to overcome, especially when students do not explore all of their options as well as fully appreciate a liberal arts college, one that they have *chosen* to attend, even if they already had their major in mind. In response to Eric Feld's article, "Make mine a Diet please," I am saddened to learn that science majors feel "gypped" that the College wants them to learn advanced skills other than what science can teach. From my point of view, every student at the College knew that they would have to take classes outside their majors to fulfill general requirements. I always knew that I wanted to teach high school English, and even if you knew for what area of study you came here, a liberal arts school gives us the opportunity to be well-rounded and scholarly.

As we learn from Feld's article, some science majors feel that "it's unfair" that watered-down science classes are offered to non-science majors without having equivalent watered-down classes in any other major.

Major-ity needs no crutch

However, walking down academic row, I have yet to hear people rave about the effortless classes of Bio of Birds and Humanity in the Biological World. "Baby" science classes are not easy to non-science majors; they are still difficult with challenging material.

Furthermore, departments *do* offer lower level classes to non-majors. These classes are not under the label of "watered-down" mainly because a 200 level English class and a 300 level English class can meet for the same amount of time during the week. "Baby" science classes are labeled "watered down" because they do not require a lab and entail less time than the major classes. However, if a non-English major takes a 300 level English class, I would think that person is interested in the subject of the class or that he or she is an English minor. Non-majors should not have to take a 300 level class just to fulfill requirements. There are interesting 200 level English classes, which probably consist of more non-English majors than English majors. Why take a Psychology class for a human behavior requirement when you are not interested in Psychology? Many other classes that fulfill a human behavior requirement are offered.

I don't believe the intricate information that future doctors and scientists need to know have relevance to being an English teacher, or a costume designer, or an accountant. However, the classes that are offered to non-science

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To the Editor:

I would like to respond to an article in this week's newspaper regarding Andrew Smith's article "Its so hot outside, 'Urine' was a bad choice." Like many people on this campus, I love seeing Broadway plays, going to the Ballet, and other artists' performances. However, after reading the article on Andrew's opposition to the choice of "Urinetown" as this year's musical, I was offended. There are many things to consider when picking a musical other than "would everyone like it" or "is this too raunchy for our audience." For instance, there are copyright issues and the budget to consider. Also, for any school (high school or college) they must consider what other plays are being performed within a certain radius of the school. For example, if the National tour of "Wicked" is in our area, we cannot perform it at the same time. I understand people not wanting to see a play or a musical because of its content, but I too didn't know what "Urinetown" was about and researched it before I bought my family tickets. I love the theater program here, and I appreciate all of the hard work that the students and staff do to prepare for each show. They are all amazing. I support them by going to see every performance I can, but let's give these people credit; they loved performing the musical, and are dedicated actors. I am all for plays

Quit acting like a fool, "Urine" our world

that say something, that push the limits with what is "right" in today's world, even if that means sexual content is present. Personally, the musical wasn't that raunchy, and it was more satirical than anything else. Maybe last year's performance of "Cabaret" was raunchy, however the one thing I remember my dad saying at the end was, "That was as good as the Broadway version!" Why limit our theater program to doing only musicals that aren't sexually explicit? Quite frankly, it's a hard subject to escape. Almost every musical has some form of it even if it's not as raunchy as the half-naked cast of "Cabaret." I have confidence in the staff here that the performances will be done tastefully. I guess what I'm saying is, let's not jump to conclusions and put down the people who chose to put on "Urinetown." And, if one doesn't know what a play or musical is about, do some research before buying the ticket. We're all adults here, and I think we're all mature enough to choose whether or not to see a play because of its content. Everyone has a personal opinion after seeing a musical. Whether you thought "Urinetown" was hilarious, or "...inappropriate and uninteresting" is your opinion, but let's take a minute to thank the hard work that the actors, stage crew, and staff did to get the show up and running.

Eve Karam '08

Beer bong, dongs, and animal cruelty

By Max Lux
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

How far is too far? What is appropriate to discuss in a public forum? What is considered offensive by your friends and peers? When is the most inappropriate time to discuss female masturbation? Most importantly, where did this itching come from, and why won't it stop? Hopefully (with the exception of the last one), these are all questions you have asked yourself at least once, so far, while away at college. It's important to rebel, to take risks, both physical and social, and on occasion, bludgeon the concept of decency into twitching submission. My peers, that is to say my friends, companions, my (god help me) 'crew', all have a particular tendency to dance on the fringe of good taste, to straddle the border between comical and sacrilege, to find humor where no humor should rightfully exist; and god bless them, it's worked. No longer oppressed by the rigors of 'cocktail morality', or maintaining an immaculate personal reputation, they get by on speaking their minds, and find themselves both liberated, and enlightened because of it. Imagine the creativity of a mind unchained from the social moors- one free to experience and interpret all the inanity and insanity that this world has to offer- think of the boundless wonders it could create...

Where is your comfort zone? What bothers you? What makes you squirm in your chair, dangling on the precipice of arousal and social taboo? If you are like most individuals alive today, the subject that most bothers, most offends, and, ironically enough, most entices you- is sex. It's incredible that a act as simple as inserting slot A into tab B (or any of the other permutations thereof), would shock and unnerve even the most uninhibited of us. If you are at all experienced (self-exploration, or the occasional

perusal of an anatomy textbook counting just as much as intercourse), you know what turns you on, what turns you off, and what terrifies you beyond the realm of rational thought. (Furries.) However, there are those among us who cling to their own ideas and ideals as paramount or sacrosanct, occasionally going so far as to condemn the kinks of others as something 'wrong', 'impure', or, on occasion 'evil'. Listen, as long as it's not hurting anyone (physically or emotionally), and is consensual, it's perfectly fine, with few, if any exceptions. Feeling uncomfortable? Don't be: we all have, basically, the same parts, and as a species, we've been doing the same things with them for the last few millennia or so. Find out what you like, and start having fun.

One of the most important things you can learn about yourself in college is your limit: how much is too much, what affects you how, and how do you behave under the influence of what? Beer seems a staple in every collegiate diet, from a main component in the freshman fifteen, to the primary cause of senior Monday absentees, this is, almost a fact of life. What most do not realize, however, is how stupid the average student can be. Early on each semester, there is the underclassman who drinks so heavily as to POISON themselves with alcohol, often leading to a trip to the emergency room and a memorable stomach pumping episode. The same goes for the pothead who decides to 'wake and bake' every morning before class because 'it's not addicting' and 'it helps me focus' (Remember, students, its sur-

The Devil
You Know

prisingly quite hard to accomplish much in college when your weekdays are a haze of marijuana smoke, and your weekends are spent trying to keep your roommate awake after a dozen shots of Jaegermeister.): Am I an advocate of total abstinence from any of these substances, regardless of legality? No, in fact, college is one of the last (relatively) safe places you will have to discover your limitations (although I cannot personally condone any recreational usage of marijuana, on the pure basis that it is, in fact, illegal, plus it smells funny and is purportedly expensive). Just be safe: never drink alone, don't drive while intoxicated, and don't drunk-dial me. It's classless.

Finally, we have the 'everything else' column of the unchained mind, and, in my opinion, the most important. Academic restraint is one of the largest problems facing students today. When you don't try your hardest, don't become active and absorbed in your studies, you devalue the very basis of academia- and education itself. You are not here because you were destined to do so, to waste four years and countless amounts of money in the pursuit of sex and alcohol, but because it was thought that you would express an insatiable urge to learn. Talk about your studies, do your work, go to class, and try to apply it to your everyday lives. English majors: Read and write outside of the confines of a classroom. Theater majors: Put on impromptu performances wherever you go (just not near me, thanks.) Biology majors: Go bird watching and marvel at the complexity of nature outside of a text book or lab. And the list goes on. Relish your studies, your sex life, your limitations- just remember- you have the right to talk, joke, and lament all of them- if you just loosen your socially imposed morality just a bit. Be safe you stubborn mules!

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majors introduce them to science, and help them gain knowledge and form a stance on important issues in the biological world.

Without a doubt, science majors spend the most time in the classroom. However, many other majors require students to do extra required work. For example, with each education class, students must complete 20 hours of fieldwork. Any evaluation other than outstanding can cause students to suffer in the department. Psychology majors are also required to do fieldwork, art majors spend ample time in the studios and theatre and dance majors give most of their time to rehearsals. I do not, nor do any other students, get additional credits for attending these mandatory activities. However, we all relish in the satisfaction that we are learning and growing,

doing what we desire.

The experiences that students gain from taking courses outside their majors are beneficial to their studies. It allows students to think in different ways than with which they are comfortable, ultimately producing substantial outcomes. I just wanted to take a step in the right direction and offer my perspective on a misconception which creates opposition between majors at the College. We are all here for the same reason: to gain a great education and compete with ourselves, not with anyone within our majors and certainly not with students between majors.

Beth Schwartz '08

National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week

By Sara Horowitz
WEEKLY NEWS EDITOR

National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week took place Nov. 12 through Nov. 18. A table was set up in Seegers Union with a marble machine which dropped a marble every 3.5 seconds to represent how often someone in the world dies of hunger. The two main events of the week were The Faces of Homelessness Panel and the Hunger Banquet.

The Faces Panel consisted of homeless people from Washington D.C. who came to the College (as well as others) to speak about their experiences with homelessness. The College has hosted this event in the past. The other big event, the Hunger Banquet, was a dinner for about 150 students and faculty meant to represent the disparity between the rich and the poor. When the guests arrive they were given an

"identity" at random: upper-class, middle-class or lower-class. Their "identity" determined where they would sit in the room and what they would eat.

Another demonstration, Shantytown, took place on Sun., Nov. 12 where a group of students slept out on Parents Plaza in cardboard boxes to raise awareness about homelessness. This event was organized with Habitat for Humanity. There was also a clothing and food drive as well as a trip to a local food pantry.

Casey Bell '07, a member of the planning committee said she was "impressed by the turnout. It's very reassuring to know the campus cares about these important issues." She believes that the turnout this year has been greater due to the "amount of energy we put into publicizing all of the events. We worked hard on that and it paid off."

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of students at the College, there are \$499,050.00, a third of which goes to Council. This leaves Council with \$155,260.00 after money for each class has been taken away. Currently, this General Fund contains \$39,635.62. Although that may seem like a lot of money to be spent so early in the year, the fund is filled again next semester with the other \$112.50. Following both of

these presentations was a question and answer session for the members of the administration that were present. One of the most pertinent questions asked was if there was going to be any stability in the rise of tuition in the near future. Mr. Dyer's reply was that "stabilizing tuition has been a concern among senior staff, but remains a balancing act," taking into consideration all of the different aspects of the College which must be looked after. Chris Hooker-Haring, Dean

of Admissions, added that in order to meet the expectations set by the students and parents, the College must constantly go after the first-rate facilities and faculty, which all costs money. If the College were to accept anything less than first-rate facilities and faculty, according to Hooker-Haring, the College would begin to lose ground with other schools that it is supposed to be competing with. This was the last, yet successful student body meeting of the semester.



Sara Beitman '07 and Julie Eisen '07 participate in Shantytown and sleep outside.

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the College justified the ban was to say that many other college campuses were enforcing these policies. However, the resolution states that this reason is not justifiable and should not be a "reason to change our own policy." The resolution

states the "disappointment by the change in most of the Student Body."

Also, there are many other objects that have the potential to be used

in an illegal fashion (i.e. spoons, cups, apples) that are not banned. The College's mission statement "aims to develop knowledge about the achievements and traditions of diverse civilizations and cultures" which the hookah policy counteracts, according to the resolution.

The resolution also states that if "hookahs are legal in the city of Allentown, State of Pennsylvania and Country the United States of America" then why not at the College?

The resolution was unanimously passed by Student Council, thus, they "fully support what the resolution is trying to do," according to Efronson. She said, "Many students and faculty members have talked to me about their support in reversing the policy." Now that the resolution has been passed,

"[Student Council] fully supports what the resolution is trying to do."

Sarah Efronson '07

Efronson, McFeeley and Ryan Campbell '08, Student Body President, will set up meetings with Campus Safety and Karen Green, Dean of Students and Vice President of Student Affairs, to try and come up with a new agreement.

Efronson and McFeeley hope to implement a new hookah policy immediately, and "are also interested in promoting hookah use in positive ways on campus." President Helm said he is "glad that the Dean of Students' staff is reconsidering the ban. I'm sure that Dean Green and her colleagues will come up with an approach that is fair and reasonable."

GQ Corner

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Week of 11/27 - 12/1/06

Stack's Deli - Specialty - Parma Tapenade Baguette

Sandwich - Shaved Prosciutto Ham with Fresh Mozzarella, Arugula, Roma Tomatoes & Black Olive Tapenade on a Parmesan Baguette

Grill 155 - Boca Grande Breakfast Burrito - Tortilla packed with Egg, Onions, Peppers, Chorizo Sausage, Potatoes, Tomato, Cilantro & Cheese. Served with Tomato Salsa

Grab & Go - Honey Mustard Wonton Chicken Salad - Mixed Greens with Vegetables, Chicken Breast, Mandarin Oranges, Almonds & Wonton Strips with Honey Mustard Dressing.

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Answer to Sudoku

Sudoku

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Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Cloudy
High: 51 Low: 36	High: 51 Low: 36	High: 52 Low: 35

Greek life receives grant

By Tom Holtz
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

The College is fast approaching its 140th anniversary of Greek life. On Oct. 26, President Helm announced the College's reception of a grant from Trustee John Blend '68. Blend was a member of the fraternity Alpha Tau Omega (ATO). The \$10,000 grant will be used to help

The college and more importantly Greek life can not be strong without alumni involvement.

President Helm

Greek members attend leadership training conferences, workshops and seminars. Over the past two plus years, the college has been implementing new strategies and policies regarding Greek life, the grant is going to help aid the enhancement of one of the most important core values at Muhlenberg: leadership.

Over the past couple of years, the College has worked hard along with students to develop a conscious working relationship to improve the Greek system. According to President Helm's statement, they have included a new relationship statement. The revised policy attempts to govern New Member Education, create a new expansion policy and create a new accreditation system.

Blend was a leader when he attended the College in the sixties, and continues to be one today. Blend serves as a member of the Board of Trustees, and has a deep sense of dedication for the future of the College. When President Helm met with Blend in the early fall, he had an idea of what new policies and programs would best suit the College's need. Blends' son had a large stake in turning around the Greek organization at Rollins

College, and he wanted to replicate and share that success here.

President Helm, along with the Dean of Students Office and Chris Jachimowicz in the Greek Affairs Office worked hard on implementing a policy. In effect, when looking at the current state of Greek affairs, Jachimowicz, along with Helm thought that the grant would be best used as an opportunity for students to attend leadership conferences and gain valuable insight into leadership at the national level. "There has always been an expectation that these students attend the conferences, and attend opportunities outside of their chapter, however, there used to be limited money for them to be able to go. The money is in place for them to succeed, and now they just need to commit. There is always support for every chapter," Jachimowicz said.

"When discussing possible uses for the money, opportunities to attend leadership conferences made the most sense long term. Having speakers on campus costs a large amount of money, as well, the information received from their speeches tend to dissipate over a period of time, while lessons learned at conferences stay forever," Jachimowicz said.

"Blend is a good leader, and understands that it takes proper training to get there. Great leaders are not born over night; they are built, by going through different experiences, and training. The College does not want the administration to run the chapters, they want individual leaders to," Helm said.

As part of the Blend Fraternity and Sorority Leadership Grant, Greek leaders will be able to broaden their perspective of the current aspects in Greek life, improve leadership skills and create a culture that supports continual improvement through participating in these pro-

grams. The Blend grant awards up to 500 dollars or 1/3 of the cost to individuals attending these programs. "There are grants by specific chapters to attend conferences, while the Blend Grant will pay the rest (transportation fees). The goal is for the students only having to cover minimal, or no costs. This will eliminate a major excuse to not attend," Jachimowicz said.

There are four eligible conferences that participants will be able to attend: The Undergraduate Inter-Fraternity Institute (UIFI) Recruitment Boot Camp (RBC), Northeast Greek Leadership Association Annual Conference (NGLA), and Future Quest. All of the respective programs are uniquely different, each offering a different perspective on character building and other approaches that lead members to future success in their chapters.

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not be strong without alumni involvement. Money is not always the most important good one can give back, however, time always is. Part of the new provisions with fraternities and sororities require them to meet with an Alumni board once or twice a semester to see how things are going. Alumni can always offer a different perspective, and help leaders go through situations that they have not seen yet. There is always a need for a coach," Helm said. The grant is just one step in helping the College launch their new initiatives and policy.

Student Council passes resolution for walkway

By Daniel Asip
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

The College's Student Council recently passed a resolution that calls for a walkway to be constructed connecting Chew Street to the West end residential buildings.

The resolution, which was written by Mathew Loesch '07 with the help of Tina Vergos '09, calls for the construction of "a sidewalk on the East side of the drive into the Seegers/West end residential areas, starting at the intersection with Chew Street and continuing up to the sidewalk connecting Prosser

Dormitory to the back Seegers Union parking lot, including a crosswalk for the section running over the South entrance into the back Seegers Union parking lot and proper lighting for the entire area."

The resolution was written by Loesch in reaction to the need for a safe way to get to the south side of campus. "As a freshman, I realized that someone needs to fix this," he said. "Then I realized that we [Student Council] are the 'they'."

Loesch then took the initiative, with Vergos, to draft the resolution. "I realized that it was something that really bothered me and decided that we

need to produce something to change it," said Loesch. "For the number of students who use the drive as a walkway, it is obviously an unsafe path and it would be stupid for us to keep it that way."

The resolution states that students who use the drive

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Matt Loesch '07

as a walkway are forced to either, walk down the sides of the south drive leading to the Seegers or walk directly in the "traffic zone". The resolution cites the fact that it is hard for drivers turning into the drive to see students walking. Also, food service vehicles are often parked on this drive, making it even more difficult for drivers to see students.

"When the Student Council passes something, it comes with the blessing of the entire student body," said Loesch. "If you mention this problem to people, they say that it's needed."

Now that the resolution has been passed by the Council, it moves onto the next step in the approval process. "[Student Body President] Ryan Campbell has served as a mediator between the Student Council and Administration to help get this project moving," said Loesch. "Tina and I will meet with the proper administration in the near future to hopefully finalize the project."

When asked if the construction of the walkway would accompany repairs to the crumbling back parking lot Loesch stated, "That is one of the specifics that will be discussed at the meeting."

"I'm hoping that the walkway can be completed before it starts snowing," he said.

Loesch repeated the fact that the resolution was simply something that needed to be done and encouraged others to bring problems to the Student Council. "It was just something that needed to happen and I'm glad we got it off the ground," he said. "We, [Student Council], encourage others to step up if something bothers them. That includes issues involving housing, classes, parking, food or social life, please let us know your thoughts."



As part of the Greek Community Clean-up, the sisters of Phi Mu spent the morning of Sat., Nov. 11 picking up garbage on the streets of Allentown. In total, 20 bags of trash were collected by the 19 sisters who participated. Megan Wilhelm said, "Many residents expressed their thanks and offered coffee and juice to a few sisters."

Compiled by Ashleigh Howland

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Muhlenberg College



Jerry O'Connell
Actor



Sheryl Crow
Singer



Wesley Snipes
Actor

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-OR-

Wednesday, November 29 7:30pm Red Door

Campus Safety Notes

Nov. 7 - Sick Student - A student in Prosser Hall had a fever, sore throat and body aches. The student went to the Health Center.

Nov. 7 - Vehicle Violation - A vehicle was parked illegally on the front drive. After the booting fee, the owner had a total fine of \$1135.

Nov. 7 - Vehicle Violation - A vehicle was illegally parked in the Center for the Arts parking lot and had a total of 19 tickets. The vehicle was booted and immobilized.

Nov. 7 - Vehicle Violation - A first-year student parked his car illegally in the Seegers Union parking lot.

Nov. 7 - Theft - 48 dollars was stolen in the basement of Ettinger. The money was found later.

Nov. 7 - Disorderly Conduct - A student was receiving harassing phone calls and reported them to Campus Safety. The matter is being investigated to find the person who is making the phone calls.

Nov. 7 - Social Code Violation - A portable fire-place was found too close to 2202 Gordon Street. The student living in the house

removed it.

Nov. 7 - Possession of Stolen Property - Four students took three College tables to North 22nd Street.

Nov. 7 - Unauthorized Person - A non-student in the library was being loud and using computers that are not open to the public. The individual was given a verbal warning to quiet down.

Nov. 8 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A smoke detector went off due to cooking at 417 Leh Street.

Nov. 8 - Trespassing After Warning - A person who was previously confronted in the library was found there again with his wife. He was removed from the library and given a letter of trespass.

Nov. 9 - Harassment by Communication - A student reported getting harassing phone calls from Jamaica Airlines. The individual told them to take her name off the calling list.

Nov. 10 - Drug Possession - Three students were found on the soccer field with marijuana. They were referred to the Judicial Process.

Nov. 10 - Vandalism to Vehicle - Crocodile Rock advertisements were placed on vehicles' windshields in the 26th and Chew Street parking lot. A piece of the flyer stuck onto someone's windshield.

Nov. 10 - Motor Vehicle Accident - A green Mystique was hit on the 300 block of North 26th Street. The side mirror of the car was damaged.

Nov. 10 - Stolen Property - A student reported that his wallet was stolen in the Wawa on 15th and Gordon Streets.

Nov. 10 - Trespassing - A relative of an employee came into the office in General's Quarters and started an argument. When an officer told the person to tone down her voice, she continued anyway. The individual was given a letter of trespass.

Nov. 11 - Sick Student - A student on the first floor of Brown Hall was hallucinating due to a medication she was taking. The student refused medical transport.

Nov. 11 - Theft - A non-student reported that a radio was stolen from his vehicle on the thousand block of

North 23rd Street. The vehicle had been left unlocked.

Nov. 11 - Sick Student - A student on the first floor of Martin Luther Hall was sick. The student went to the Health Center the following morning.

Nov. 11 - Harassment - Three students were harassing each other off-campus. Campus Safety responded to the event.

Nov. 11 - Underage Alcohol - A student on the fourth floor of Walz Hall was found intoxicated. The student was transported to St. Luke's Hospital and referred to the Judicial Process for underage consumption of alcohol.

Nov. 11 - Underage Alcohol - On the 300 block of North 22nd Street, six students were found drinking. Four were referred to the Judicial Process for underage consumption of alcohol, and two were arrested for underage consumption of alcohol, public drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

Nov. 12 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to frying zucchini on the stove at 428 Albright Street.

Nov. 13 - Theft - A student reported that his 17 inch Hewlett Packard laptop computer was stolen out of his room on the third floor of Martin Luther Hall on Nov. 11.

Nov. 13 - Theft - A student reported that his CDs were stolen from his vehicle in the Martin Luther parking lot. The vehicle had been left unlocked.

Nov. 13 - Burglary - A student reported 18 dollars was stolen out of his room on the second floor of Martin Luther Hall.

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Nov. 13 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to smoke from cooking at 2241 Liberty Street.

Nov. 13 - Burglary - A student reported a stolen phone from her room on the second floor of Martin Luther Hall.

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"Courage is nothing less than the power to overcome danger, misfortune, fear, injustice, while continuing to affirm inwardly that life with all its sorrows is good; that everything is meaningful even if in a sense beyond our understanding; and that there is always tomorrow."

- Dorothy Thompson

"Fighting with Fashion" battles domestic violence

By Victoria Davis
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Domestic violence took a hard hit from fashion last week. On Tues., Nov. 9 in the Great Room of Seegers Union, the Zeta Chi Chapter of the sorority Alpha Chi Omega presented their "Fighting with Fashion," an upbeat, flashy fashion show featuring sorority members donning the latest trends. The show was to benefit Turning Point, whose mission statement declares, "Turning Point has the social responsibility to respond to the needs of victims of domestic violence by providing shelter, counseling, advocacy, and general support services and to identify and confront the causes of domestic violence." The Fashion Show featured clothing by Maria Duran from "Project Runway," John Jannuzzi '07, Madeline Rhodes '07 and Popmart.

The models strutted down the purple tulle-lined runway to the beat of hip music that changed every so often to keep the audience on their toes. Each model glowed as she strode through the room, doing justice to the designs of

Maria Duran. Duran gains inspiration for her clothing from Asian design, but twists them to create a unique look and feel. Duran lives in Allentown, wowing her shoppers with her playful collection.

Designer and host John Jannuzzi, showed a collection as well. His night proved a success. Jannuzzi's collection is inspired by the saying, "All is fair in love and war," and his clothing features historical figures that have been affected by love or war. His military-like styles are produced by hand, and they are all completely original and smart.

Another student designer, Madeline Rhodes, showed off her collection at the event. Clothing by Madeline Rhodes is both classy and girly, with her signature piece, Rist-wrags, wrapped around the models' wrists. Rist-wrags, added a small but powerful touch to the ensembles, giving it a bit of an edgy vibe. Featured accessories dressed up pants and tanks, making similar outfits pop, as no two pieces were alike.

Ending the evening was the clothing of Popmart, and the models flawlessly

floated down the runway showing off colorful, sometimes rather outrageous outfits. The variety was remarkable as some girls posed in their casual gear while others were lady-like in gorgeous dresses. Oversized accessories brought outfits together, and fitted jackets added a sophisticated touch. Popmart sells clothes for both men and women and is located in Bethlehem.

Overall, the night was a huge success. The show had a large turnout, and the proceeds went to help fight domestic violence. A raffle sparked the audience's attention, getting them involved in the action as well. When the show continued, all of the models were poised and lovely, spunky and individual. They brought personality to the apparel and not one of them stumbled in their daring high-heels or slowed down the pace. They were fierce, and the success of the show and the appeal of the models helped Alpha Chi Omega raise over three hundred dollars for Turning Point, ending the night with a ferocious one-two punch to help take down domestic violence.

Alpha Chi Omega sisters, new and old, model various fashions from designers Maria Duran, John Jannuzzi '07, Madeline Rhodes '07 and PopMart, in an effort to raise money for their charity, Turning Point, which helps aid victims of domestic violence.

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TARA LARGE



Researching the Afro-Semitic Experience

By Kelly Cannon
Reference Librarian

In conjunction with the campus performance of the musical group, Afro-Semitic Experience, Trexler Library's reference department researched the history of the interplay of African-American and Jewish music with musicians in the United States. Our findings are on display in images, text, and music section on Terrace A of Trexler Library.

One of the most interesting points to come of our research found that jazz music and the music of Jewish cantors share an atonal quality. Playwright, Max Wilk, remembers bringing home a recording of Louis Armstrong, and when he played a particular "hot lick" from the album, his father, a temple cantor, was stupefied and asked, "Where did he get it?" Apparently the sound was so familiar to Wilk's father from temple that he thought Armstrong must

have borrowed the melody.

This suggests not so much literal borrowing as a shared musical quality that jazz musician Max Kaminsky identifies as atonal. Kaminsky says that he always loved Charlie Parker's music because it recalled to his ears the atonal music he heard "in Torah singing."

We noticed as well in our research how much black gospel music, with its allusiveness to the Old Testament, resonates thematically with Jewish religious narratives. Many blacks from the South identified completely with the religious myth of Moses and the Israelites escaping from slavery to the promised land.

The geographical reference in their music was not the South—the land of their enslavement—but an imagined land of the Israelites, a land of physical well-being and above all a land of freedom. Moreover, blacks imagined themselves to be the Israelites. This mythic con-

nection made in song inspired a group called the Black Hebrews from the 20th-century American South to convert to Judaism and emigrate to Israel.

These points of musical intersection make it less surprising that the meteoric rise of African-American popular music to the world stage has been a collaborative effort between Blacks and Jews. The musical group, Afro-Semitic Experience, is one very positive reminder of what African-American novelist James Weldon Johnson said back in 1930:

"[It is in] his lighter music that the Negro has given America its best-known distinctive form of art. . . The lighter music has been fused and then developed, chiefly by Jewish musicians, until it has become our national medium for expressing ourselves musically in popular form, and it bids fair to become a basic element in the future great American music."

This musical collaboration between blacks and Jews in Johnson's mind becomes a sort of promised land for its creators, as listeners are held symbolically captive to the music.

One other point that we would like to share from our research: Karen Green, our new Dean of Students and Vice-President of Student Affairs, was largely responsible for introducing the band members of the Afro-Semitic Experience to each other and thus forming the group. We would like to thank Dean Green for sharing her love of music with us in this way.

A note about the research process: we relied heavily on a journal database called RILM Abstracts of Music Literature. This database is available from the Trexler Library Home Page. It specializes in ethnomusicology—the study of music of various cultural groups and it is worth a look by every interested student at the College.

AMC Weekend Listings



Casino Royal

Fri. 3:15, 6:30, 10:10
Sat. 3:15, 6:30, 10:10
Sun. 12:00, 3:15, 6:30

Borat

Fri. 5:00, 7:40, 10:10
Sat. 5:00, 7:40, 10:10
Sun. 3:00, 5:00, 7:40

A Good Year

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Happy Feet

Fri. 4:30, 7:20, 10:00
Sat. 4:30, 7:20, 10:00
Sun. 1:45, 4:30, 7:20

Flushed Away

Fri. 5:00, 7:30, 9:50
Sat. 5:00, 7:30, 9:50
Sun. 2:45, 5:00, 7:30

Let's Go to Prison

Fri. 4:20, 7:50, 10:10
Sat. 4:20, 7:50, 10:10
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:50

The Prestige

Fri. 10:00, 1:00, 7:00
Sat. 10:00, 1:00, 7:00
Sun. 10:00, 1:00, 7:00

Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause

Fri. 4:40, 7:30, 9:30
Sat. 4:40, 7:30, 9:30
Sun. 2:30, 4:40, 7:30

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: WHAT ARE YOU LEAST THANKFUL FOR?



"I'm unthankful that my wallet is not big enough to see The Who."

- Lauren Shuster '07



"Work over the holidays"

- Greg Rose '08



"Prejudice"

- Tim Farrell '10



"The lack of Denny Diamond Awards currently released."

- Kabe Shelley,
Residence Coordinator



"Inland Park is not for nizzel."

- Sam Corbo '09

Compiled by Kim Nguyen

Responsibility for negative feelings starts with yourself

By Lily Hatfield
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNIST

What if there were no feelings? What if you never had to feel anything, ever again? You would never feel sad or lonely. You would never feel the acidic pain of heartbreak or the crushing weight of disappointment. You would no longer dread the feeling of shame after doing something bad, and you would never again have to feel sorry for yourself.

It might sound wonderful to get rid of all of those nasty feelings and experiences, but obviously, there is not a way to go through your romantic life without experiencing the rollercoaster ride of emotions that come along with being an active participant in the dating game.

Without sadness, grief and despair, your world may sound like a paradise. A place where actions have no consequences and you never have to feel uncomfortable or unpleasant. No more waiting to get your spirits back up. But at the same time, these negative and unpleasant

emotions have a polar opposite. Along with sadness, grief and despair, you have happiness, joy and hope. You can't go through life without your bad emotions and feelings just as much as you can live without the good ones.

We feel like crap after we have done something bad for a reason. It is not some all powerful force trying to make our lives miserable, but it is something inside us all that is trying to teach a lesson, trying to adapt and learn from our experiences. If you cheat on your girlfriend and she finds out, you are responsible for your own feelings of sadness, grief and guilt. Some might say that the cheater is also responsible for the feelings of the person who was cheated on, but this gives the cheater way too much power over the other person. They don't deserve to have that. You are responsible for your own feelings. As Eleanor Roosevelt once said, "No one can make you feel inferior without your consent."

In the bitter sadness of the end of

a relationship, there can be many complex emotions. Although you may feel like your world has crumbled around you, you can look back and try to recover something from the rubble. Maybe you learned, after several other failed relationships, what a real one is supposed to be like. A good relationship can end just like bad one; it depends on what you take from it. What are you going to do with the negative experiences or feelings? Are you going to let them sit in your heart and erode away at your soul, or are you going to take them and examine them, as painful as it may sound?

Maybe you learned what it was truly like to be in an equal relationship with a partner. You learned how to give and take with each other, and at the end of the day you both felt like you had everything in the world together. You learned what it was like to have fun and laugh, tilt-your-head-back-and-laugh-until-you-choked kind of laughter.

Maybe you learned what it was

like to really make love, and not just have sex. Maybe you tried new things and learned things about yourself you never thought possible.

You may have learned other painful lessons. You may have learned the hard way what a broken nose feels like. You may have learned what it is like not to be in an equal partnership, but instead a parasitic relationship that left one of you sucked dry. You may have learned that as hard as it may be, as much as you think you love someone, love isn't supposed to be about power and submission and pain. Maybe you know what it is like to reach the end of your rope.

We have feelings for a reason, and although some of them can be upsetting and unbearable, we need to process and accept them for what they are. Our feelings teach us so much about our selves and others. Lastly, always trust your own feelings. They are yours and no one can ever tell you that they are wrong or bad. It's what you do with them that will have the biggest outcome on your future and your life.

Stay sexy, stay safe Muhlenberg!

LOVE
&
LIFE

Gospel choir sings to the rafters at weekend conference

By Erin McGroarty
WEEKLY LIFE! EDITOR

Creating a new group on campus can be extremely difficult, especially creating a group that has as much impact as the creator intends. Getting students involved in something new isn't always the easiest task. Fortunately for our campus, a new Gospel Choir has recently been organized and is making the impact the groups strive for on campus and in the community.

The Gospel Choir was put together around three weeks ago with Dean Karen Green, Dean of Students and Vice President of Student Affairs, and Susan L. Fredericks Administrative Assistant of Media & Communication, as their advisors. Though there has been a struggle to get a gospel choir started on campus over the past two years, this is the first year that it's really started to catch on.

Sareve Lawson '08 has been working to start this choir for two years and is the student that leads the choir in many of their songs. She said, "I'm really excited that this year has shown phenomenal interest within the student body. I finally feel apart of the Muhlenberg community. I know that this choir will be my contribution and it will live on long after I graduate."

The group of around 35 members, depending on the night, has been practicing for around three weeks. There are students from all classes and a great variety of backgrounds and, good news, this group is only growing larger. They have already learned four different songs and are working on getting suggestions for more.



A group of students takes a food break after wearing out their vocal chords at the Gospel Weekend Conference.

PHOTO COURTESY OF KIERA JONES

Everyone is so eager, they're picking up the gists of most songs in one to two nights.

The group has been practicing for a Gospel Weekend Conference at Hamilton College which they attended this past weekend. Twelve students went with Dean Green to the Weekend Conference to practice with other gospel groups and give a performance at the end of the weekend. The conference was started by Dean Green with her sister around 16 years ago and it has

been going ever since. This is not the first time that she has been a part of forming gospel choirs on College campuses. Dean Green worked with a gospel choir with her former students from Wells College and they participated in the conference this past weekend as well.

Dean Green commented, "One of the legacies that I have left at institutions where I've worked

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was a gospel choir. I consider it a part of my ministry to teach the genre of gospel music and therefore pay homage to all of the musicians who have contributed to this rich heritage of the American music repertoire.

I am overwhelmed by the response of students who are eager to engage in this musical endeavor. The buzz about the choir has resulted in three invites to perform in spite of the fact that we've just begun to explore who we are as a musical group."

Besides practicing for this

event, the choir already has three other performances for scheduled. They include a performance for a community synagogue for a Martin Luther King tribute. The response to this groups' formation has been overwhelming positive for those who have worked the hardest and the longest to see it come together.

This group is not only forming new bonds within the campus but getting a connection to the community in which we live. One can only hope that students on campus work hard to maintain this amazing new group and that others follow in its footsteps.



A few members of the new Gospel choir sit with Dean Green at the Conference.

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Friday, Nov 17 AT 8 p.m. in THE RED DOOR



Buckeyes/Wolverines 103rd Meeting Dubbed "Game of the Century"

By Zack Gugenheim
SPORTS WRITER

"Judgment Day," "Game of the Century," the "True National Championship," these titles are just a few of the names that sportscasters are using to describe possibly the most important regular season match-up of the year. #2 Michigan vs. #1 Ohio State will decide the outright Big Ten Champion, and will determine at least one of the births in the BCS National Championship Game. (they both could still go, albeit a slim chance that the loser would still advance)

Michigan's run defense has been extremely stout, allowing only 30 yards per game, and has only allowed over 100 yards rushing once. Ohio State has been equally impressive, as their defense allows only 7.8 ppg, and has forced 27 turnovers, including 21 interceptions.

On the other side, Michigan's offense has struggled since the injury of WR Mario Manningham, but Manningham's health has been improving, and may be a huge factor in this game if he is healthy enough

to stretch the Buckeye defense. Ohio State's offense is powered by heisman candidate QB Troy Smith, and has a chance to clinch the award with a big day.

This game will live up to the hype, and I think both defenses will be good enough to keep the scores reasonably low. The x-factor will be Troy Smith, and his mobility. If he can buy time against the best defensive line in the country, then Smith will be able to find holes in the Michigan defense, as he has a very deep and talented receiving core to rely on (Ginn Jr., Gonzalez, Robiskie, Hall, Hartline, Small, Nicol), and can also use his mobility to run the ball when necessary. Michigan is talented, and this game can go either way, but my instinct tells me to pick Smith in a close one.

Prediction: Ohio State 21, Michigan 17

Zach's other predictions:

#17 California vs. #3 USC:
California can't be happy how they

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Mule Profile: Emily Wright "Leads by example"

By Alex Mangini and Ruwani Ganepola
ASST. SPORTS EDITORS

Senior Emily Wright is this year's proud captain of the Women's Basketball team. Originally from Moorestown, NJ, her love for the sport began when she was only eight years old.

Over the years she has improved as a player and admits to gaining valuable experience here at the College. She says, "I feel like I have made strides since freshman year. The past three years I have had two very good players at my position—Val Robuck and Steph Colucinni, to compete with. I hope to take what I have learned from them and others and contribute whatever I can to the team this year." Currently, she plays the position of shooting guard and small forward.

In her first year as a captain, Wright is eager and willing to lead the team to success. She is positive about her role and believes, "The main thing is just to lead by example. Also, with such a young team just being encouraging and having a positive attitude everyday in practice is crucial."

As the start of the season quickly approaches, Wright has strong expectations for the future. Right now the team may be very young and less experienced, but Wright feels, "Our new players look very promising and other players that didn't have very prominent roles last year have really stepped up. Where we lack experience, I think we will make up for it with talent." When asked about the team's goals for the season, Wright responds, "I don't think that our team has put any limit on our expectations for this year because we believe we have a great amount of potential. We do have many goals, though, the main ones being to host the conference tournament and to win it."

However, before achieving this long-term goal the team must overcome challenges along the way. Wright believes that the biggest challenge for the team this season will be in reaching their full potential. She says, "We need to be able to channel all of our talent to benefit the team as a whole. If we learn to play well together I think the results will be pleasing."

Throughout the years Wright has been thankful for her coaches, as they continue to motivate her and the rest of the team. Wright admits, "Our coaching staff does a great job of setting the bar very high. Personally, they have made my basketball experience here fulfilling by pushing me every day in practice and ensuring that I am constantly improving."

In addition to strengthening the girls physically, the coaches have improved their mental game as well. "They do a great job of teaching the game and bringing the motivation and focus to the team when it isn't there," Wright says.

While keeping up with the demands of the basketball team, Wright is also a Neuroscience major and Economics minor here at the College. She participates in several extra-curricular activities as well. In the past she has done Hospice at the Lehigh Valley Hospital and is currently a member of the Best Buddies program. This semester she is interning at Sacred Heart Hospital.

When asked about how she balances her time with her plethora of commitments she responds, "I wouldn't say it's hard to budget my time, but it definitely takes discipline. I think that it has gotten easier since freshman year."

Since basketball has been both a vital and pertinent activity throughout Wright's life, she plans on continuing playing even after her college career concludes. She hopes to participate in summer leagues and play any chance she gets. In fact, she says, "I've always wanted to coach too at some point in my life, whether it be my kids' teams or at a higher level."

Wright is both a committed and dedicated captain who cannot wait to help lead the team to a successful upcoming season. Co-captain Meghan Courtney '07 says, "Wright is an exceptional person, a beloved friend and an incredible player. Wright gives her all and in return she inspires the best in people. She sets the bar for the intense level of play and commitment on our team." She is not only a talented player, but a driven student as well. She has the ability to balance her commitments to the team, her academics, and her extra-curricular activities as well. Good luck to the team this Friday with their opening game!



Wright '07 dribbles the ball past the opposing defender.

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Scotty Wood: The legend behind the Muhlenberg tradition

By Aaron Weintraub
SPORTS WRITER

This November we will be celebrating the 25th Annual Scotty Wood Basketball Tournament, and at this juncture it seems appropriate to look back on the man that became the inspiration behind the Muhlenberg tradition. Milton W. "Scotty" Wood, born September 10, 1913, served the Muhlenberg community for more than sixty-three years, becoming the man responsible for millions of meals served to college students, hospital and retirement home residents, as well as physicians, educators and business people. The Wood dining services that are still in use today were established by Scotty himself, beginning with his small sandwich shop in center city Allentown called the Home Restaurant. This small restaurant-located across the street from the practicing facility, Rockne Hall, became frequented by the Muhlenberg College Basketball Team, who often finished practice too late to eat on campus. Scotty would feed the college athletes for free.

In 1947, the Wood Dining service was established with help from Muhlenberg President Levering Tyson. Starting in deep debt, Scotty managed to succeed in his endeavor to develop a company "recognized for doing a

good job," but he did not do it alone and he never wanted to take the full credit. As he would later state, "When I think about my success, I always think about those who have helped me: family and friends like (former Muhlenberg basketball coach) Lee Coker, the company's many great people, our wonderful clients and our dependable suppliers." Born and raised in Allentown, Wood graduated from Allen High School and continued to live with his wife, Betty, and five children.

Wood's continuous support for the College's basketball program and athletic department, as well as his long ties to the College community, inspired Scotty's son, Bob Wood, to initiate the Scotty Wood Basketball Tournament as a tribute to his father's work. Scotty has since received widespread awards from the College for his positive work, including the naming of the athletic stadium in his honor in September 1999. In 2002, Scotty was inducted into the College's Athletic Hall of Fame. Scotty Wood passed away shortly after on June 18, 2003. His memory will surely live on in the Muhlenberg community for generations to come.

This year's Scotty Wood Basketball Tournament falls on the weekend of November 17-19. Come out and celebrate the 25th anniversary of a great Muhlenberg tradition, while enjoying some first-rate basketball!

Congratulations to Men's Cross-Country Team

By Alex Mangini and Ruwani Ganepola
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Congratulations to the College's Men's Cross-Country team for being invited to compete in the upcoming National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II Championships. This is the first time that the Men's Cross-Country team has earned the honor to compete at the national level. The meet will take place this Sat., Nov. 18, at Wilmington College in West Chester, Ohio. Co-captain Tim Seeley '07, on behalf of the team, says "We are all ecstatic to finally accomplish our season goal

of qualifying for the NCAA Championship." He goes on to explain "Everyone is really happy and proud because this is the very first time in Men's Cross-Country history that the entire team has been invited to compete at Nationals."

After placing an impressive fourth at the Mideast Regional Conference, the team was then qualified for a bid to attend the NCAA Championships. At Mideast Regionals, Stephen Rothwell '07 placed 23rd, David Chorney '09 placed 27th, Tim Seeley placed 30th and Timothy Van Syckle '09 placed 35th, earning all four runners regional honors. Good luck to the entire team this weekend!

Football finishes season at .500

By Justin Gerstley
SPORTS EDITOR

Muhlenberg needed a win against Centennial

Conference rival Moravian to finish the season at .500. The Mules left the field last Saturday with that .500 record, with a huge 24-10 victory over the Greyhounds. Sophomore Eric Santagato rushed for two touchdowns and gained 171 yards in the air, earning the Bianco Award as Muhlenbergs MVP for the second consecutive year.

Ending the first half, the Mules earned a 184-70 total yard advantage over Moravian, however, they entered the second half tied a field goal apiece because of two lost fumbles and a missed field goal. Near the end of the half, senior tight end Derek DiMattina finished a huge drive by fumbling near the goal line, although the television replay proposed the ball being knocked loose by the ground.

The second half started off with a bang, as sophomore cornerback Brandon Doyle intercepted a pass and ran 51 yards to score the first touchdown of the game. It was Doyle's second touchdown of the season. Freshman Cameron Ahouse also picked off two passes during the game. Halfway through the third quarter, the Greyhounds tied the game up on a long touchdown pass. It would be the final score for Moravian.

The Mules responded with a touchdown that was set up by a long pass caught by DiMattina to the one yard line. The touchdown was scored on a quarterback sneak play. The Mules wrapped up the win with another touchdown run by Santagato, set up by a 50 yard run by sophomore John DeLuca. Santagato scored nine rushing touchdowns throughout the season breaking the school's record for quarterbacks.



Senior Chris Poehls

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allowed looking past USC to cost them a win. Look for Cal to rebound, and I'll call for the upset because of dynamic receiver DeSean Jackson and running back Marshawn Lynch.

Prediction: Cal 31, USC 24

#19 Virginia Tech vs. #14 Wake Forest: For as much Coach of the Year consideration Head Coach Greg Schiano is getting, Wake Forest Coach Jim Grobe should be right there. Wake Forest has a chance to get to the ACC title game, with only one loss to Clemson. The stats don't look impressive, but their 30-0 win over Florida State has made me a believer, and Va Tech has to travel to Wake Forest, where they are much more vulnerable.

Prediction: Wake Forest 20, Va Tech 10

Scotty Wood Tournament Schedule

	Friday	Saturday
Men's Basketball	Arcadia vs. Stevens @ 3:00 p.m.	Consolation Game @ 3:00 p.m.
	Mules vs. Rensselaer @ 8:00 p.m.	Championship Game @ 8:00 p.m.
Women's Basketball	Cortland State vs. Delaware Valley @ 1:00 p.m.	Consolation Game @ 1:00 p.m.
	Mules vs. North Carolina Wesleyan @ 6:00 p.m.	Championship Game @ 6:00 p.m.

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Got Wood?

Scotty Wood is back!

Centennial Conference Champs Women's Basketball Team ready to start a new season

By Josh Goldstein
SPORTS WRITER

After going 26-3, winning the Centennial Conference and getting to the second round of the NCAA tournament, the Muhlenberg Women's Basketball Team looks to put up another impressive performance this year.

Despite losing the experience, leadership and great play of seven seniors who Coach Ron Rohn say they won't be able to replace right away, the Mules still hail the return of two of their top players from the year before. Center Meghan Courtney '07 averaged over 14 points, eight rebounds and one block per game, and is ready for her senior season. Also returning is sharp shooting sophomore guard, Lauren Boyle, who averaged just under 11 points per game in her freshman season and showed poise by being one of the team's most clutch players. Also coming back is Sophomore Bethany Enterline who is as good as any post player last year.

In addition to the great play they received from these girls last year, Senior Emily Wright looks to get more time and hone her offensive skills. Juniors Michelle Feldman and Abra Like also look to see more action. Feldman is a hard worker and Like's a strong guard. Sophomores Erin McSherry and Kaitlin Strumph will also be a big part of Coach Rohn's plans this season.

Along with returning players, the team features eight very talented, quick and good scoring freshmen. Coach Rohn even thinks that eventually four or five of the players, from this class could reach or surpass the success reached by last year's senior class. Ron Rohn expects freshmen Diana

Canzoneri, Brenna Ferster and Alexis Bates will see the most action but says that they will all make a contribution at some point this year. The amount of freshmen contribution depends on the performance of the upperclassmen.

One of Rohn's biggest concerns is the pressure that comes with having finished in the top 20 last year. Every team in the conference will be gunning for them, and they might feel some pressure to live up to the previous year's success. He even thinks that being picked as a preseason number three in the Conference is a little high right now with their myriad youth. However, he did say that he believes his team will make the playoffs and by the end of the year will be playing as well as any team in the Conference. He finished by saying, "Last year we were picked sixth and it ended up being okay."

With Coach Ron Rohn back at the helm, the Mules know that they have a coach with a successful track record, and should have confidence that he will once again lead the team to the Centennial Conference title. The Mules' team should make the playoffs and with the poise of players like Boyle and Courtney, the Mules should have a good chance at competing for the league title again.

The Mules open up the season against North Carolina Wesleyan Fri., Nov. 17, at 6:00 p.m. They open league play the following Tuesday at Bryn Mawr, and open their at home Conference schedule after Thanksgiving break on Sat., Dec. 2 at 4:00 p.m. against Johns Hopkins who finished second in the Conference last year. All in all, it should be a very interesting and fun season for the Mules.

Men's Basketball ready for the Wood

By Justin Gerstley
SPORTS EDITOR

With eight seniors returning and only losing one player from last year, the Muhlenberg Men's Basketball Team looks to improve on their fifth place finish and first round exit from last year's Centennial Conference playoffs.

However, the Mules will have to start the season much like they ended last season, without the services of start center Jeff Stewart '07 who will not be with the team for the first semester due to behavior detrimental to the team. Leading the Conference in scoring last year, Stewart's rebounding and blocks will be missed, but the team has shown that they can win

without him. Last year, the team won a must-win home game against Ursinus at home to clinch the fifth and final playoff spot.

Last year, winning at home games for the Mules was not something new. The Mules won all but one home game and had an average margin of victory of over 16 points. While on the road, the Mules struggled, only winning a total of two games and only one in Conference against last place Swarthmore. Five of the road losses were by less than ten points and three of them were won by the opposition in their final possession. The Mules will look for the same success at home and improved success on the road. If they can pull off those five lost games, the Mules

will be in a good position to make a push for the title in both the regular and post season.

The Mules will look for big seasons out of layers like forward Tom Scott '07 and three point sharp shooter Chris Huber '07. Early on, they will also look for help from Freshman Pete Barnes who will be key in filling the hole left by Stewart. The team will also look for leadership out of Seniors Brandon Mefford, Chris Pothering and Chris Strachan, as well as leadership from Junior Greg Pask. The team has a talented group of freshman and sophomores as well.

If players from each year can step up and contribute while Stewart is absent, when the star center returns to the Mules lineup, they

should be in a good situation to challenge for the league title. It would be the teams' first title since 1998.

The Mules open up the season Fri., Nov. 17, at 8:00 p.m. against RPI. They start league play after the Tuesday after Thanksgiving with a home game at 8:00 p.m. against Haverford. The Mules' look to continue last year's success against Haverford at home. Last year, they beat Haverford 99-59 which was highlighted when the game was over when the visiting Haverford were running suicides on the Mules court. Come out and support the Mules at all home games this winter. All games are free to students and an athletic schedule can be attained at the information desk.

"Roll a mile in my chair" promotes student disability awareness

By Kim O'Brien
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

"Roll a Mile in My Chair," an awareness project, took place in Seegers Union on Mon., Nov. 20. Individuals were challenged to get a meal, unassisted, in either the General Quarters or Garden Room while using a wheelchair or crutches. The project, conducted for Dr. Katherine Richmond's Multicultural Psychology class, was created by students Samantha Borah '08, Kate Carroll '07, Skylar Charry '08 and Alissa Constantinople '08.

"We want to make people more aware of the challenges disabled students

face on a daily basis on a campus," said Borah. "It's the little details they need to be alert to," she stated. Borah has seen these challenges firsthand; she relies on crutches. "I lived in Walz my freshman year, and though there were elevators, there were none that led to the basement," she noted, making laundry a particularly difficult task. Although Walz Hall (along with Martin Luther Hall, Robertson Hall, South Hall and Taylor Hall) is listed as "fully accessible" under the Disability Services' Mission Statement, it is evident that there is still room for improvement.

Another example is the entranceway to Robertson

and South Hall; although they have handicap ramps, these ramps lead to stairs. As for the buildings that line Academic Row, only the back entrances are handicap accessible. "These buildings are legal, but not always logical," emphasized Borah.

Borah had a particularly difficult time with housing. Though she wanted to live with friends in South, she was told that due to her special needs, she should live in Taylor Hall. "I was told 'It's not what you want - it's what you need,'" she stated. "They told me it was better for me to live in a single in Taylor. College is a

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Local union challenges College's construction contract

By Jamie Schneider
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

During the week of Nov. 20, a man was found handing flyers out to students in front of Seegers Union that read: "Warning: Rats have

*In addition to the
flyers that have been
circulating around
campus, the workers
displayed an inflatable
rat on Leh Street
behind the new
dorm.*

been discovered in Muhlenberg's Dorms!" The man was issued a letter of trespass and continued to hand the flyers out on Chew Street, where this type of protest is legal. This man belongs to Lehigh Valley Carpenters Local #600, a labor union that has successfully fought for shorter hours, higher wages and better working conditions.

When looking to employ a construction manager for the renovations to Seegers Union, the construction of the New Science Building and the new dorm at 22nd and Chew Streets, the College chose Whiting-Turner Contracting Co., a company that employs 80% unionized worker and 20% non-unionized workers. The College attempted to get a union contract but could not get one at a feasible cost. The administration's decision to use a construction manager that employees non-unionized workers has caused workers of the Lehigh Valley Carpenters Local #600 to protest around the College's

campus. According to President Helm, "The College does not hire any of the workers - we [the College] employ a construction manager who selects, hires, and coordinates various subcontractors. The subcontractors hire workers (either union or non-union). While the College has a preference for union workers and a strong commitment to fair wages, we do not typically require subcontractors to vet their hiring with us in advance."

Whether the College was aware of the contracting company's use of non-unionized workers before hiring it or after, the decision to use this company has caused an uproar on the College campus. In addition to the flyers that have been circulating around campus, the workers displayed an inflatable rat on Leh Street behind the new dorm.

The flyers state that stu-

*It's a fair thing to
criticize the admission
on this decision, we
should be speaking
out against it if we
don't agree with it."*

Adrian Shanker '09

dents should "Tell Dean Carol Shiner Wilson that you do not agree with her construction policies." Dean Shiner Wilson, Dean of Academic Life took no part in making this decision and should not be contacted about the College's choice to use Whiting-Turner

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Students in Multicultural Psychology, Skylar Charry '08, Kate Carroll '07, Samantha Borah '08 and Alissa Constantinople '08 prepare to take other students around Seegers in a wheelchair.

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Let's talk about sex, baby

At Tuesday's Center for Ethics Forum "Freedom and Responsibility Case Studies," students, faculty, President Helm and Dean Green discussed the topic of Freedom of the Campus Press, more specifically, *The Weekly's* sex column. Some students were in full support of the College's newspaper hosting a sex column. Others felt that the column was completely inappropriate and not something that parents or professors want to read. First of all, we would like to point out that this is a college publication composed and produced with the student in mind, not put together for the amusement of professors and parents. We are happy that they chose to read the paper and appreciate their support and patronage, but they should turn the first page aware that the topics discussed are primarily chosen for their relevance to college life. *The Weekly* is a print media with the liberty to publish what we deem appropriate. Believe it or not, we do review, edit and censor anything we think is unfitting for a college-aged audience. We're mature, young adults; if you aren't comfortable discussing sex at this age, when will you be? Please, you're exposed to more explicit details in your high school health class.

In the past, members of the administration have recommended that *The Weekly* stops publishing the sex column. However, in the past the column was also written by a different columnist and printed under a different editorial staff. Since then, we have made huge strides in toning down the focus on "sex" issues to concentrate on more "relationship" based topics. Two years ago, the infamous female masturbation article was published—an article of which the current editorial board would not have approved. This year the column has discussed abstinence and the definition of true friendship. Yes, the hilarious mishaps that sometimes befall sexually active college students do make their way onto the page, but to create balance, our columnist also tries to increase student awareness of the dangers and pressures that are present in social and sexual situations. We want our readers to enjoy our publication. You are always free to write us with your comments, complaints and suggestions. As for faculty, trustees, parents and others, keep in mind that this is a college publication, student run and student produced. Enjoy the paper for what it is and remember your days as an 18 to 22 year old.

To the Editor:

One of the first times my parents and I came to the College, I remember sitting in Empie Theatre and listening to Arthur Taylor speak about his love of the College. Granted, mine was the last class to meet the man, but I can still remember him sitting on his stool and consoling the future empty nesters and the soon-to-be

A good career move

college students.

One thing, in particular, stuck out. He told us that no matter what, when we graduated, we would have jobs. He also said that he had helped, what he believed, some of the worst underachievers he had ever met. He said that he had made it his personal goal to sit down with each and every student at least once to make sure they had a career in mind.

To just hear and accept this statement from him would be to take it on his word, but members of the classes of '03, '04 and even some from '05 had told me similar stories. This is not to say that the current president is doing poorly. The College is being run tightly, and it has never looked better. The clubs are expanding and the general morale of students seems to be up. I can only speak for my personal experiences and the stories that my friends have shared with me upon their graduation.

What I have heard is a lack of interest in the future. With all the hardships of building your resume, it is extremely easy to forget why you're building it.

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

As an active supporter for positive change at the College, I just wanted to thank everyone who sent in their opinions to *The Weekly* editorial section last week (both the positive and negative feedback). My article regarding the appropriateness of MTA's *Urinetown* was well-debated, and I appreciate all of the concerned cast members and other students of the community who felt it was necessary to respond. It is very important to openly discuss criticism and/or praise for certain elements present in our campus community to promote positive change for the future. Despite the MTA's surprisingly defensive approach to receiving any sort of criticism, I am very grateful for such a great turnout of articles in last week's paper.

However, I still do want to further address the issue of *Urinetown* and *Cabaret* and their appropriateness during Family Weekend. According to Mr. Brown, in his article "The C.A. Strikes Back," "The productions, while quite successful as cultural events in the area, are intended to act as education tools which focus on the process as well as exposure to interesting and pertinent literature."

Let me ask this: how can something be educational if it is inappropriate for Family Weekend? If a portion of our community is disgusted by the MTA's choices (as they are by many of the responses to my article that I have received), how would that be deemed educational for the community? I was trying to make just one simple point in my prior article: why can't we run a show that is appropriate and fun for Family Weekend and also be educational at the same time?

For the highly lauded and "award-winning performance program" at the College, would it be possible to just follow the advice of many in our community and perform something more appropriate for Family Weekend? Can't we just have two days of decent and fun family theatre? For the rest of the year, the MTA can run whatever it wants. We are just asking for a show that we feel is more appropriate for our grandparents, parents, sisters and brothers. I do not understand why that simple request is being blown out of proportion.

More importantly, of what is the MTA so scared? After writing my article last week, I was amazed by some of the negative responses I received solely from theatre majors. Why is this department so defensive of any kind of criticism? I respect the actors and the time they put into the performances (which I have stated in my previous article). However, the world will not end as a result of this one criticism; let's keep our theatrics to the actual stage and act like professionals.

The College community is allowed to express its opinions as to what it feels may be inappropriate. And, if I were you, Mr. Brown, I would not label anyone as being "inept." You might want to re-consider what I have been stating repetitively in my articles and perhaps re-read my first article. You're inability to put my constructive criticism into perspective is "frankly offensive."

Now that we have aptly covered the MTA's so-called crisis, I now want to focus on the importance of opinion in the newspaper. As a writer for *The Weekly*, I am genuinely concerned with providing the most accurate and thought-provoking articles that can be covered within our community. The objective of any newspaper should be to promote further awareness as to key issues and/or debates.

I urge everyone to submit their opinions to the editorial section of the newspaper. As a student, I want to see our campus improve, and I know there are many others who feel this way as well. I feel that several things in our community can be changed, and we are capable of making these changes. I am very proud to be a student at this College, and I think that it is within everyone's right to voice their opinion as to critical issues occurring on campus. This spirit will only benefit our community and our entire student population. Thus, I urge everyone to read and possibly write for *The Weekly*, so we can positively change our environment for the future.

Andrew Smith '08

Intermission!

More importantly, of what is the MTA so scared?.. Why is the department so defensive of any kind of criticism?

Kramer outburst stirs old debate



Joe Caporoso
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

Over Thanksgiving break, I became aware that one of my favorite television characters, Kramer, went on a racist tirade at a stand-up comedy club. Not fully believing it at first, I checked out the videos made available online and sure enough, there was Michael Richards, the actor who portrayed Kramer, inexplicably dropping the N-bomb about 20 times in two minutes. In a response to two African-American hecklers, he let loose an unbelievable rage filled rant that left audience members in shock.

Richards appeared on *Letterman* looking to amend his statements. Yet, he could hardly put together a sentence that made any sense. Whether it was nerves or something else, he looked like a mess. Maybe

Richards isn't racist and just got caught up in the moment, exploding with emotion. Regardless, his words have rallied black leaders to call for an end of the use of the n-word in the entertainment industry, as well as a boycott of the newly released *Seinfeld* Season Seven DVD.

The call is clearly aimed at those in the rap industry, where the word is common place on most black artists CDs. A complete stop seems highly unlikely, just because of the sheer quantity in which the word is used. Besides, African American artists can make a valid argument that they can use whatever words they want on their CD, especially if referring to

their own race. I can't relate specifically, but I know as an Italian, anyone in my family is offended by the words "whop or ginny," unless it is spoken by another Italian. I am assuming the same argument is going to be used by those defending the use of the word in mass entertainment. As long as you are black, the n-word is fair game.

It seems like an odd response to Richards' actions to call for the boycott of the word. The reason he said it had nothing to do with its use in various entertainment outlets. He directed the word to someone bothering him in a spur of the moment reaction. I am not sure how cutting the word out of all rap CDs and movies is going to limit racist outbursts of that kind. Yes, taking it out of mainstream entertainment would make the word less prominent. Yet, if someone harbors racist feelings, they will still use the word when they see fit.

What is an appropriate response to a celebrity outburst of racism like Richards or Mel Gibson's a few months ago? There really is not one. Unfortunately, there are racist people in this country and celebrities are not immune to this fact. They just grab more headlines than an average person on the street does when they say something without thinking of the repercussions. Perhaps the best response would be to take advantage of the headlines to further educate our society on the necessity of tolerance and show people why reacting like Richards did was wrong. The attempt to ban the use of the n-word in entertainment will most likely fail, but even if it does, hopefully everyone saw how ignorant and stupid Richards looked on-stage due to his racial remarks. His career will never be the same, and he has now affected the legacy of one of the greatest shows in television history.

Perhaps the best response would be to take advantage of the headlines to further educate our society on the necessity of tolerance ...

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Although most of my friends have some kind of job, only a handful are working anywhere near a field they appreciate.

I have been very fortunate in going out and finding work that I like and that I can grow in without the help of the Office of Career Development and Placement (OCDP). But many of the people I know, smart and charismatic as they may be, are not as lucky. Of course it falls, on the individual student to find their jobs, and I don't believe I've ever heard a complaint about the OCDP.

What I have heard is a lack of interest in the future. With all the hardships of building your resume, it is extremely easy to forget why you're building it. With weekdays full of tests, homework, student government, theatre and a multitude of other activities, it's easy for students to lose track of time. Days turn to weeks, which turn to months and turn to years all too quickly. And the best part is that students perform all those tasks so that they have a good resume.

It is in the College's best interest to go above and beyond the call of duty in terms of career placement. For the extra \$100 or so that it would cost to bring a group of students to dinner, the College stands to make thousands when those students become alum. Also, it's important that the students who are speaking with these higher-ups are not just the students that are doing well.

Obviously, the students that are the presidents and officers of clubs are typically the ones with the drive to achieve on their own. It's the students that are struggling, that stay away from clubs and organizations, that possibly have a lower GPA (of course not saying that these are all related, just using them as examples) that require the extra motivation. Professors, deans and board members have experience. All of them have knowledge of professions and careers that possibly will never even cross a student's mind. It will always be up to the student to acquire for his/her own job, but perhaps it's time that a stronger presence was shown than what has become fodder for the recycling bins outside the mail room.

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Students and faculty are wasting energy...and money

By Eric Feld
ASST. OP/ED EDITOR

"Intro to psych, history, lunch, stats, two meetings, dinner, back at 8:30? Leave love!" "Gone HOME for the weekend!" Twenty-minute shower. The lights are on, but nobody's home.

We've all been there by putting up similar away messages, leaving the television on when we're in the shower for a half hour, having the lights and music running all day when we've left for class hours ago. Most of these are seemingly harmless actions done by decent, caring people. There is no question that modern technology is a blessing and an indication that mankind has the power to accomplish anything. In an era where technology has become engrained into nearly every facet of our day-to-day lives, it is no surprise that we almost never think of the possibility that we may be abusing this blessing. Through understanding our abuses of technology, we learn that we are setting ourselves up to pay for the consequences—literally.

On Tues., Nov. 14, the Student Council held a meeting by popular request to discuss the College's budget and the destination of tuition dollars. Tuition increases have left many students angry and confused as to how their money is being spent. In its Nov. 16th edition, *The Weekly* reported a summary of the College's finances in its coverage of the meeting. According to the article, 22% of the entire budget is devoted to an operations budget, which includes money spent

on utilities. A more in depth understanding of the College's utilities expenditures shows unchecked and often wasteful use of energy by students and faculty alike.

Last year, the College spent nearly \$2.5 million on the total cost of utilities, which include electricity, fuel, gas, water and sewer. This cost has increased by about \$300,000 each year since 2003. While some of these increases can be attributed to higher overall energy costs, more energy demand from the College is to blame, as well. The College posted a total demand of 18.9 million kilowatt hours (KWh) of electricity from 2005 to 2006—a sharp increase from the 17 million KWh used from 2003 to 2004.

What does all of this mean? Energy is not free! The money to pay for it all comes out of tuition. The Student Telephone Network alone aims to raise \$400,000 throughout the year—a goal that will not even cover our energy expenditures. According to *The Weekly* article, the College currently allots \$155,260 for Student Council. The more tuition dollars that go to cover energy costs, the less money there is available for Student Council—unless there is an increase in tuition. Every time that students leave away messages up overnight, take excessively long showers, or needlessly leave lights on, they are draining money away themselves and their peers.

While students are primarily responsible for this great waste of money on energy, many faculty members at the College are to blame, as well.

All too often, professors leave computers in the computer labs on overnight or lights shining in their offices during class. It is not uncommon to see blue overhead screens left glaring out of classroom windows late at night.

Campus Safety frequently idles their SUV patrollers. Both the Tahoe and Blazer SUV's average 15 miles per gallon (mpg), whose gasoline is paid for in part through student tuitions. The same job can be accomplished just as well with the more efficient 21 mpg Impala in Campus Safety's fleet.

I challenge the College to enforce stricter and more sensible energy use policies to reduce waste and costs. Professors, also, should practice smarter energy use habits. The College administration should also take the advice offered by the Greening Committee, a student/faculty initiative that reviews the College's energy consumption.

The greatest challenge in accomplishing all of the loftiest goals in history has been to change an entire culture of bad habits. Civil rights legislation in the 1960s laid the groundwork for erasing centuries of senseless and hateful racial sentiment toward African Americans. In the early 1900s, women successfully protested for their right to vote and chipped away at rampant and irrational sexism in their fight for equality. With the high price of energy and its ultimate causation of global warming, erasing wasteful habits and respecting technology may be our generation's greatest cultural challenge.

This is my opinion: Agree with it

By Max Lux
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

You are reading my article. Do you come here often? If so, have you ever wondered about the person behind the words? That enigmatic senior who spits in the eye of deadlines, his stories slipping in late on Tuesday night, under cover of darkness, days, even hours late (sorry, editor!) Who is he? Well, he is, of course, me Max Lux. So, who is Max Lux? Who am I? If you know me only by my words, the opinions I express and the ideas I share, then what image of Max Lux have you constructed in your head? Am I tall or short, thin or fat, black or white? Do I speak with a lisp, am I articulate, am I a total jerk? What's my major, assuming I even go here? Is it not possible that I am a work of pure fiction, invented by the intrepid staff of *The Weekly* to fill empty Op/Ed space, my column simply the home for any random article that no self-respecting author would dare take credit for? What if there is no 'Max Lux', and everything you have attributed to him as an author is pure speculation on a fictional character? If I am a fictional character, what makes you so sure that you, any of you, are real yourself?

Reality, it seems, is anything but concrete. Science prides itself on being absolute fact, indisputable truth. Yet, when viewed from a historical standpoint, that beloved 'truth' is purely evolution-changing and reformulating to reflect the inevitable advances of the times. Four hundred years ago, the Earth was, beyond a doubt, flat. Today, we absolutely *know*, (thanks to thermal imaging, photographs from space, and infinitely complex theoretical algorithms, etc); that the Earth is spherical in shape, glorious in its three-dimensional deep space. However, given the passage of time, is it not possible that in another four-hundred years, our planet, which we are so absolutely sure is round, will be found to be pan-dimensional, inhabiting several hundred planes of existence simultaneously? Science is fluidity

masquerading as fact, where each new discovery breeds not answers but questions.

We, as a species, have played golf on the surface of the moon, watched the future of our own sun play out digitally with unerring accuracy, and gazed wide-eyed at the aliens lurking miles below the surface of our own oceans. The science fiction of yesterday is the science of today: so is there pure fiction in a world so ruled by the impossible? Is there anything that is entirely impossible, any place there is no possibility to *ever* explore, touch or understand?

As stated earlier, science itself is mutable, ever-changing and unreliable as a standard of measuring reality, so then, is reality itself a clever ruse, an attempt to create a structure for our existence when, in fact, there is none? Just because you can hold something, does that make it real? Does this newspaper exist, or is it a tactile, shared hallucination among the College campus? Maybe we are all dreaming, and one day we'll wake up in a separate

reality from our own, our lives lived as subconsciously illusion. The list of alternate explanations runs infinitely in all directions, without a concrete answer in sight.

Philosophy, religion, art; all seek to question the very fabric of what we hold as 'true'. Opinion articles are meant to give answers, to provide a point of view based on the observations and interpretations of reality by a single person. However, if reality itself is mutable by the very attributes of that which should make it immutable, what use is the opinion of one person, who might not even exist? As you try to find your place, your meaning, your reason for being in this wide, wild world, live each day as if it might be your last, and consider the idea that the limitations set before you may not even exist at all.

The Devil
You Know

Ten Thousand Villages aims to help artisans from over thirty third world countries

By Emily Rabson
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

On Wed., Nov. 29 and Thurs., Nov. 30, the College will once again welcome Ten Thousand Villages. Students seeking to purchase holiday gifts for family and friends can visit Seegers Union room 108-110 between 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on one or both of these days to purchase items.

Ten Thousand Villages is a program that is centered on helping artisans from over thirty third world countries. Unlike products available in most stores, a significant portion of the money will go directly to the artisans. Ten Thousand Villages believes that fair trade means a fair price, both to the buyer and to the artisan.

There are a great number of items available at Ten Thousand Villages, including religious decorations, hand crafted jewelry and

other delightful gifts that can be used at any time during the year. Also available are musical instruments, clothing and accessories such as scarves. Upon inspection, most clothes are already produced in second and third world countries, but it is doubtful that many of these workers are paid enough to live successfully. These items and gifts are not only unique in that they are individually made, but that they are also the durable work of skilled artisans.

The staff at Ten Thousand Villages are volunteers and very knowledgeable about these products. If a student recognizes a gift from a past year that is currently not available, they can put in an order through the catalog.

Students feel very positive about this organization. Jackie Dearborn '09 says, "I think it is a wonderful organization. All of the things that they sell are unique and make for won-

derful gifts." Dearborn adds, "I did a lot of my Christmas shopping there last year. Best of all, the money goes to those who worked hard to make the products."

Danielle Scala '08 agrees. She says, "The first time I'd been to a Ten Thousand Villages sale was here at the school. I've bought a few things and admired even more." The fact that the organization is meant to help artisans all over the world thrills her. "I love how fair trade is emphasized [because] that makes me even more willing to purchase [Christmas gifts there]."

Even though Ten Thousand Villages cares a great deal about fair wages for their workers, just as important to Ten Thousand Villages is fair labor conditions. This organization helps bring not only the artisans' crafts to North America, but also their cultures. The countries repre-

sented in this non-profit organization exist primarily in Latin America and Africa, but South Asia and East Asia are hardly left out. The area least represented is the Middle East. The only countries that produce goods sold by Ten Thousand Villages are Egypt and West Bank. Many well known countries make up this list of over thirty including Haiti, India, Thailand, Vietnam, Chile and Peru.

Nadine Goldman '07, also speaks in favor of this group. "I think it's a really cool organization. The merchandise is absolutely beautiful, and I can never leave empty-handed!"

Ten Thousand Villages exists both on the internet (www.tenthousandvillages.com) and as stores throughout the country. Ten Thousand Villages exists throughout the year and although not as easy to find as a local name brand store, their retailers are fairly plentiful. Locations in

Pennsylvania include Souderton, Doylestown, Philadelphia, Ephrata and Media. Locations in New Jersey include stores in Princeton and Summit. Most, though not all, of these stores are distinctly labeled as "Ten Thousand Villages" so that they are easy to spot. Ten Thousand Villages also exists in Canada, as does a variation of the website.

Students can find out where other Ten Thousand Villages sales are taking place by going to the website and typing in their zip code. There are over two hundred and twenty festival sales throughout North America.

Stephanie Hacker, '07 enrolled in the semester long course, Marketing for Non-Profits said, "our class helped put the sale together with the Office of Community Services. Our College has the most successful Ten Thousand Villages sale in the country."

WHEELCHAIR

FROM PAGE 1

social environment, and no student should be denied that chance to live among friends."

Though the group could not demonstrate all of the struggles faced by those with disabilities, they could at least demonstrate the challenge of dining, a task most take for granted. Everyone has had a great amount of difficulty," stated Constantinople, who followed students and staff braving the wheelchair to get food. Participants were given surveys asking a range of questions, from the level of difficulty to the amount of help offered by surrounding students. Alexis Resnick '08 noted the struggle of maneuvering a wheelchair while attempting to use the Garden Room salad bar. "You take this for granted when you're

not in the chair," she said.

The psychology group plans to evaluate the completed surveys and send a letter to the Office of Residential Services and Disability Services. "We're hoping that with the new buildings coming up, especially new dorms, more consideration will be made," explained Carrol. Their display provided a fact sheet entitled "Elements of a Model Campus Program," suggesting elements such as pre-orientation for disabled students, transportation systems and support counselors. "We want to go beyond the bare minimum," emphasized Carrol. "We hope to see campuses going beyond the legal minimum and focusing on as much comfort as possible."

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Kate Carrol '07

RATS

FROM PAGE 1

Contracting Co.. When contacted about the College's decision, Dean Shiner Wilson stated, "It was certainly a surprise to read the flyer, which included my name as contact person for complaints. I do not consider myself or the College anti-worker, as is suggested in the flyer."

Students who live near the construction site of the new dorm are disturbed by the protests. "The disruption caused by the two workers who decided to protest outside of our sorority house not only came in the form of a giant blow-up rat, but came also in the form of ridiculously loud radio-playing that the girls in the house found distracting and difficult to ignore. The two men playing loud music and their obnoxious rat surely didn't prove much to their union, as two men protesting often makes too much of a statement. Unfortunately, all they proved to the sisters of Phi Sigma Sigma is that even our own rooms weren't refuge enough from their

annoying demonstration," said Lindsay Kutner '08.

After observing the beginning of the protests on campus last week, Adrian Shanker '09 felt the need to join the fight against the College's decision to use non-unionized workers.

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President Helm

Shanker started a Facebook group entitled "Tell Muhlenberg: No Rats on Campus!!!!" in hope that more students will stand up and work in solidarity for a common cause. The group currently has 42 members. "My take on it is that I want my tuition money to go to a socially responsible institution, which in many ways Muhlenberg embodies. However, private contractors that are unionized is a big part of that. Using 20% non-union workers under-

mines the ability of the union to collectively bargain effectively," said Shanker. "The underlying issue for me is student apathy. Many students did not get the rat reference and thought that there were actual rodents in the dorms. I think that that's sad. Being politically active is important. It's a fair thing to criticize the admission on this decision. We should be speaking out against it if we don't agree with it."

President Helm, who has not yet seen the flyer, said "Personally, I believe that unions have played an important role in our country's history in insuring safe working conditions and fair wages for workers. I also believe that workers have a right to join unions or not join unions. What particularly disappoints me is the use of insults, bullying, or sloganeering in place of reasoned discussion. I particularly do not approve of name-calling. Calling people 'rats' or 'dogs' or 'swine' or 'scum' or any other name is not constructive nor in keeping with our College's mission to nurture 'reasoned and civil debate.'"

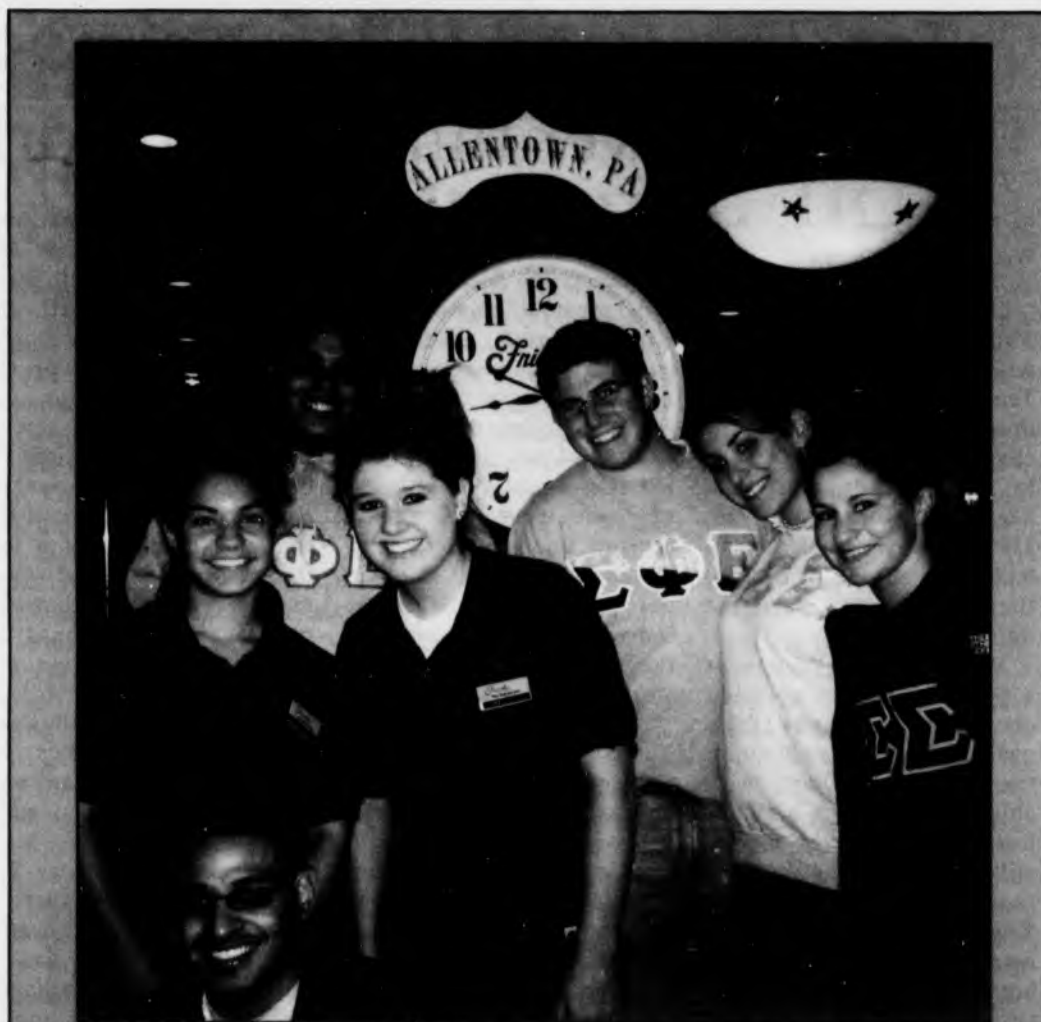
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Answer to Sudoku

Sudoku

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On Dec. 21, Phi Sigma Sigma and Sigma Phi Epsilon co-hosted a fundraiser for the Sixth Street Homeless Shelter at Friendly's on Cedar Crest Boulevard. Students, faculty and staff were invited to participate in the fundraiser by eating dinner there that night. Friendly's agreed to donate 10% of the proceeds made during dinnertime to the shelter. "They gave us the goal of generating around \$1,400 in revenue that night. We wanted to beat that goal and did by bringing in \$2,085, donating \$208.50 to Sixth Street," said Ryan Chapoteau '08, Vice President of Programming for Sigma Phi Epsilon. Geoff Zinberg '07, President of Sigma Phi Epsilon, helped with hosting that night by graciously welcoming all customers and explaining the fundraiser to people who were unaware. "I'm just so glad we could help a charity we are all so connected to and that desperately needs the money," said Lindsay Galvan '07, Vice President of Phi Sigma Sigma.

Compiled by Ryan Chapoteau

The Ayila Family would like to thank each and every one of you at Muhlenberg College that sent sympathy cards to Luyda, who lost her husband on November 3, 2006. Luydia is a housekeeper in Walz, for many years. We thank you all from the bottom of our heart. Thank you all so much.

OFF CAMPUS

Allentown aims to close illegal bars

Over the past few months, there have been deadly shootings and illegal drug activity occurring in or around illegal bars. In an attempt to close these establishments, Allentown has created a task force whose purpose is to improve cooperation between various entities including the Health Bureau and state police, which monitors restaurants and bars in the city.

Now, when the city gets a complaint about a possible unlicensed bar, every city department that can potentially help in shutting it down can quickly get involved. Rob Manescu, Allentown Assistant Police Chief said, "Business licenses are fairly easy to get, and no one in the city checks regularly to see whether a business is operating the same type of establishment it lists on its license application once it opens."

Kutztown University sees rise in reported sexual crimes

A rise in reported sexual violence at Kutztown University this semester has made the campus police increase their security measures. Kutztown University is a state-owned school in Berks County with a student body of about 9,800 graduate and undergraduates.

In 2005, nine rapes were reported, and so far this year five have been reported. According to the University, the statistics likely say more about the reporting system and support for victims than safety at Kutztown. The University has a long standing policy of encouraging victims to report sex crimes to police.

Kutztown Campus Safety has tried to improve security by offering self-defense classes, among other things. A forum was held with students to discuss crime and safety.

Courtesy of The Morning Call

Center for the Ethics holds forum on Freedoms and Responsibilities

By Luanne Linares
WEEKLY ASST. LIFE! EDITOR

On Tues., Nov. 28, 2006 the College put on their last Center for Ethics Forum for the semester.

This forum, which was hosted by President Helm and Karen Green, Dean of Students and Vice President for Student Affairs, focused on true case studies from various colleges that pertained to free-

dom and responsibility for the students and administration of the College. For this forum, the students took over the role of the College administration and were forced to make decisions over very complex issues that questioned students ethics and prior beliefs on

what might have been wrong or right. Through this exercise the students learned that the decisions our administration makes are not at all arbitrary or done

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without consideration, as some may believe.

According to President Helm, in most cases, the College abides by seven principles when making a decision, namely: the law, institutional policies, confidentiality, civility, freedom of expression, campus safety and educational decisions. The College, as President Helm believes, is first and foremost a learning institution, so decisions should be made based on the fact that while

a student may have made a mistake, the important thing is that he or she learned from the mistake, not that the student was punished severely. That said however, there must be consequences when a student does "screw up" and the administration has to make sure that no other students are endangered, that the image of the college is not jeopardized and, most importantly, that a workable decision and the appeasement of both parties can be reached.

Ethics are questioned, reasoning is doubted and no evidence seems substantial enough to support one's way in handling a problem. At least, that's how it went with the students who role-played. Opinions flew back and forth and debates raged over such issues as freedom of the campus press, the rights of the students to publicly display possibly

offensive material, and the amount of involvement necessary or warranted concerning a student's off-campus behavior. Some students believed that the

College should control the actions of students on and off-campus and limit freedoms they may have in order to control the projected image of the College. Others, how-

ever, thought that it is truly the students' decision - they are adults, they should have to handle their own consequences and privately deal with things they may find offensive.

The question is, though, even if administration involvement is necessary,

how much is too much? Should a line be drawn? Where? Under what contexts and in favor of whom - the student in question, the campus at

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large or the administration itself? The decision of who should be protected, prosecuted, why and how, changed with each case study, as the students witnessed the opinions

of their peers change. Complicating matters, no unanimous decisions were reached, as soon as a direction was established, a disagreement or another question arose. As President Helm stated, "It's all about where you draw the line."

Campus Safety Notes

Nov. 20 - Unauthorized Person - A man was handing out papers to students in front of Seegers Union and was given a letter of trespass. He is still handing out the letters on Chew Street, which is allowed.

Nov. 20 - Prohibited Offensive Weapons - A white man who had previously been spotted walking out of his garage with a BB gun, was found with a rifle. The Allentown Police Department was notified.

Nov. 20 - Social Code Violation - A student drove off with a boot on his/her vehicle, damaging the sidewalk and lawn area by the mailroom. After the judicial hearing was held, it was found out that the individual had lied. The individual will be referred back to the Judicial Process for lying.

Nov. 21 - Institutional Vandalism - Someone keyed a vehicle in the Benfer Hall parking lot.

Nov. 21 - Suspicious Activity - Three non-students, all from Georgetown University, were found in the lawn area of East Hall. One individual was found urinating. A

copy of this report was sent to the three individuals.

Nov. 22 - Social Code Violation - Three students in Prosser Hall were referred to the Judicial Process for possession of alcohol paraphernalia and signs stolen from Homecoming Weekend.

Nov. 22 - Social Code Violation - Beer paraphernalia, empty bottles and cans were found in a student's room in Prosser Hall. Two students were referred to the Judicial Process.

Nov. 22 - Underage Alcohol - Two students were referred to the Judicial Process for possession of alcohol and possession of drug paraphernalia in Tremont Apartments.

Nov. 23 - Theft - One side of an exit sign was removed on the third floor of Martin Luther Hall.

Nov. 24 - Fire Alarm Sounding - The power was scheduled to be shut down in Walz Hall on Friday. The dry sprinkler system in the attic of Walz Hall went into an alarm. It was repaired.

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Student showcase to harken in the season of finals



Muhlenberg's finest talent put on a three hour show complete with all the acapella group as well as new bands and solo performers.

Photo top left: The AcaFellas perform two of their well known hits "Not the Same" as well as "The Middle" and premiered their new song called "Bed of Lies" originally sung by Matchbox Twenty.

Photo bottom right: The new band Victor's Lament premiered at the talent show, providing the show with some much needed energy. Their mix of jazz and rock was an invigorating wake-up for the entertained audience.

PHOTOS BY VICTORIA DAVIS

By Victoria Davis
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

It's that time of year again. No, not the holiday season, but that much-dreaded time of the year that is filled with nail-biting, hair-pulling, and all-nighters: the stressful season. With finals right around the corner, any reprieve is appreciated. So when the brightly colored flyers caught students' eyes, advertising for a student talent show, everyone suddenly had a reason to start their weekends a bit early.

At the BOOM Talent Show on Thurs., Nov. 16, various performers showcased their talents in The Red Door. The talent show featured performances by The Dynamics, The Chaimonics, Matt Indyke, Team Awesome, Late Cretaceous, Brian Kirchner and many others.

Queensbury Picnic performed towards the beginning of the talent marathon, performing their song "Wallet" as well as several others. The combination of the guitar, electric violin and piano created a catchy and original sound. The AcaFellas hit the stage next, performing old favorites such as "Not the Same" and "The Middle," and even threw in the premiere of "Bed of Lies" by Matchbox Twenty. As

always, The AcaFellas proved a crowd favorite.

Victor's Lament was up next, and they provided the evening with a change of pace. The booming sounds of the trombone, guitar, drums and saxophone rocked The Red Door, revving up the audience and inspiring them to get up and dance. Not something that sometimes self-conscious students are always willing to do. Their rendition of "Superman" was particularly excellent, and their performance stood out as one of the most energetic of the night.

After Victor's Lament took a seat, The Girls Next Door, like the AcaFellas, premiered a new song. Michelle Branch's "Everywhere" was fine-tuned and gorgeous. The girls made it clear that the group still lived up to the professional reputation that they have cultivated for themselves. Whether the songs are new or old, familiar or unfamiliar, the College's a cappella groups always deliver and excite the crowd.

People flowed in and out of The Red Door all night, as "walk in's were welcome." Many students grabbed some refreshments and lounged on the pool table, enjoying the relaxing atmosphere and the wide variety of music. People chat-

ted and mingled and were generally having a good time. Each group or solo act only performed about three pieces, allowing the night to flow nicely and a chance to hear a large selection of music, no matter how long people in the audience chose to stay. Whether they hung out for

the entire three hours or just stopped by for a few minutes to hear their favorite performer(s) on campus, students felt refreshed. At least some of their school stress was relieved by the much-loved combination of food, friends and music.



Memories and regurgitation or something?

By Lily Hatfield
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNIST

Readers, I have to admit I have been feeling kind of guilty. My last few columns have been well, a bit depressing. So instead of going out and buying you all a six month supply of Prozac, I have decided to return to my old, hilarious and not so "heavy" ways of making you laugh and smile, while at the same time informing you all about the dating world here at the College and beyond.

I was at home in Boston, Mass. this last Thanksgiving weekend and some of my girlfriends and I decided to head out to the bars in Brighton, which is a town on the edge of the city. Lots of college-aged people live there such as students, recent graduates, etc. I was walking through the bar with my Bud Light (Yes, I am a proud Bud Light girl) and who do I run into but a recently graduated Muhlenberg Alumni! You can't escape!

The College will follow you wherever you go!

Although it was really fun to reminisce and chat about the 'Berg, such as "Hey, remember that time I puked on your floor?" it sort of shocked me that although I was 325 miles from Allentown, I was never that far away from the College. Certain things about this school just seem to stick with you forever, and not just that case of herpes. People, experiences, hard learned lessons and fantastic memories are all part of the College parting-gift that seniors will soon be bringing back home to our parents' houses in May.

The experience of your first college hook-up: the first time you had a bed and some slight amount of privacy with no parents busting in on you. Within the first few days of freshman orientation, you knew two things: you were horny and almost completely

unsupervised. Slumber parties became the norm with the only issue being, "Your place or mine?" Or perhaps you had to deal with roommates who might not have shared the same happiness for you and your new found freedom. Maybe you don't remember the name of that very first college hook-up, Lord knows I

don't (I sat here for a while trying to figure it out), but it taught you a lot about hook-up etiquette, the aftermath of a drunken tryst at the soccer house and how to do damage control.

One memory I have that I really probably shouldn't share is also one that I find, in some weird way, to be very sweet. I had gone to a party freshman year and drank way too much. My friends took my back to Prosser and put me to bed. Suddenly, the now all-too-familiar feeling of rising chunks started to burn the back of my throat. At that moment, the guy I was

hooking up with came in and saw me in my distress. Together, we shared an important moment: the first time I ever got sick from drinking. And as he held my hair back while I retched, I got my first hint of true devotion and caring for a friend or potential lover. While this was certainly not the last time I got sick, I will always remember it as a very kind gesture of friendship.

Another not so fond memory is that of the Sneaky Bastard. The tale of the Sneaky Bastard is one that has not been told for many years, so few people know about it, but I feel it is my duty to alert the young women of this campus to his presence. The Sneaky Bastard is often a very handsome and charming lad, who prowls the floors of the freshman dorms looking for young ladies to meet and eventually seduce. I have had my own encounter with this S.B., and here is how it

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

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"We're involved in major renovation projects on campus such as putting up walls, cabinetry work and wiring."

- Dick Begbie, Assistant Director of Plant Operations



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Compiled by Kim Nguyen

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Weekend Listings



Casino Royale

Fri. 3:15, 6:30, 9:40
Sat. 3:15, 6:30, 9:40
Sun. 12:00, 3:15, 6:30

Deck the Halls

Fri. 4:50, 7:30, 10:00
Sat. 4:50, 7:30, 10:00
Sun. 2:30, 4:50, 7:30

A Good Year

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

Deju Vu

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

Borat

Fri. 5:00, 7:40, 10:00
Sat. 5:00, 7:40, 10:00
Sun. 3:00, 5:00, 7:40

Happy Feet

Fri. 4:30, 7:20, 9:50
Sat. 4:30, 7:20, 9:50
Sun. 1:45, 4:30, 7:20

The Nativity Story

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 9:40

The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause

Fri. 4:40, 7:00, 9:15
Sat. 4:40, 7:00, 9:15
Sun. 2:15, 4:40, 7:00

Beautiful, thought-provoking *Moving Stories*

By Dana Harrington
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Last week, College dancers performed in the exciting and innovative *Moving Stories*. This semi-annual concert sponsored by the College's Theatre and Dance program featured the work of student choreographers in contemporary dance.

The event ran from Nov. 16-18 in the Baker Theatre. Though none of the performances sold out, the support and positive response of the audience made up for any empty seats there may have been in the audience on any of the nights.

Peers, faculty, family, community members and prospective students all came to see the beautiful, thought-provoking work of the College's talented dancers and choreographers.

Karen Dearborn, Head of Theatre and Dance, and Artistic Director of *Moving Stories* wrote in her concert note, the pieces were "visceral tales that excavate the inner landscapes of the dance makers. These stories are not narratives in the traditional sense of verbal or written story-telling, but rather they embody the complicated, illogical and conflicting journeys experi-

enced in the recesses of our minds and hearts."

These moving stories invited the audience in for an enrapturing experience, one that caused them to look at their own everyday experiences and thoughts and wonder just how extraordinary they may be, if examined properly.

Each piece had something unique to offer, whether it was the beautiful partnering in the piece titled "Culminating Convergence" that was choreographed by Jessica Greener '08, or the theatrical humor found in pieces like "Somewhere Between" choreographed by Robert J. Wagner '07 and Liz J. Millea's '07 piece "In Case of Fire, Use Stairs."

Some choreographers drew inspiration from other great artists, such as Edward Gorey for "S is for Shadows that found them tonight" which was choreographed by Will Porter '08 and was a frightening portrayal of the power of the mind and the tricks it can play on someone.

The final piece of the evening drew on the artwork of Andy Warhol entitled "Gazing Upon the Seraphim" and choreographed by Brandon M. Girouard '08.

Besides using the influence of other mediums of

expression, the choreographers managed to convey the power of their messages through the use of dance techniques alone. Pieces like "A fleeting imprint" by Alexandra Reekie '07, "Unraveling the Edges" by Elizabeth Seavy '08 and "Projected on a Plastic Sky" by Gillian Leigh Visco '07 all used intricate phrases and aesthetically stunning movement to create an intriguing world among the dancers.

Christopher Shepard '07 employed clever text, creative partnering and even a TV and video camera on stage to tell his story in "reflex-shun," and Kate Thompson '07 drew the audience in to her intense and vulnerable story, "Unheard Dissonance," an incredible self-choreographed solo.

Overall, it was an excellent concert, consistent with the high caliber of arts here at the College. The innovation of the choreographers and the skill of the dancers both helped to transport the audience into another place where ordinary objects like cameras and elevators, the blandness of routine everyday situations, even simple glances between strangers, could convey so much more than anyone ever could have expected.

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Recipe of the Week

by: Erin McGroarty

Peppermint Bark

This is an easy and inexpensive recipe that you can give to professors and friends before

break as a Holiday treat. Enjoy!

1 cookie baking sheet with edges

wax paper

1 bag white chocolate chips

1/2 bag of candy canes (can be more or less if you prefer)

Line the cookie sheet in wax paper. Crush the candy canes in to small peices and set aside. Melt the white chocolate in a double boiler* or carefully in the microwave. If using a double boiler, fill the slightly larger pot with some water and put the other pot on top of it. Make sure that the pot on top fits along the edge of the bottom one like a cover would if using two normal pots. Heat the water on a stove until boiling. Put the white chocolate in the smaller pan on the top to melt. If using a microwave just add chocolate to a bowl and STIR FREQUENTLY. Chocolate is more likely to burn in the microwave. Heat 30-45 seconds at a time. Stir frequently until the chocolate melts *completely*. Add the crushed candy canes to the melted chocolate and mix well. Pour mixture into the lined pan and cool it *completely*. When cool, break off peices of the chocolate into smaller sections to give out to friends and family.

*(a double boiler can be made by putting two pots together- one slightly larger than the other.)

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went down I only share this information in the hopes that a S.B. will not penetrate your group of friends and cause trouble.

Freshman year, we are all sort of confused as to what is supposed to happen after you hook-up with someone, or at least I was confused. Are you going out now? Is it cool to see other people? How many times a day is too many to write "Hey, came by to see ya" on their whiteboard?

For me and my friends, our ranks were invaded by a Sneaky Bastard and his sneaky ways: at night, he would go to each one of our rooms, lie in our beds, snuggle and make out. These sessions were followed by the "How Do You Feel About Relationships" talk. If you wanted the S.B. to run away and never return, you would express the desire for a full blown relationship where he couldn't go around and swap spit with all of your friends before he came to

see you. But perhaps, because you were so desperate to feel the weight of a man's body next to you, you would play along, and say, "Nope, relationships are for suckers."

Today, me and the Sneaky Bastard have both endured a tsunami of unsuccessful relationships on this campus, and maybe I smirk and think, "Serves you right, ya bastard." But Sneaky Bastard's freshman year, as much as I hate to say it, deserves some slack. Maybe this guy was a huge Loser McLoose back in high school and couldn't get one girl, never mind five that all lived in the same building. We all do stupid things freshman year...um hello? \$30,000 therapy bill and a broken nose?

I guess what I am trying to say is that I love *most* of my College memories, and as for the ones that are not so sweet, at least I learned something and am sharing a good laugh with all of you.

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ing done; the Mules completed a 9-0 run with one minute left in the first half to give the Mules an 11 point lead 41-30.

Steven's did not back down from the challenge, as the Ducks scored the half's last five points, including three at the buzzer to end the first half cutting the Mule lead to six. Steven's would take that momentum and use it to not only get back in the game, but take over.

While the Mules were able to put up 41 points in the first half, the second half finished with them scoring a total of 25 points as the only shot 7/31. Steven's controlled most of the play throughout the second half and grabbed the lead and won the game 73-66 to win the Scotty Wood Championship.

The Mules received contributions from Riggins with nine points and nine rebounds. Fields scored 15 points and Scott scored 13 points. They also received solid contributions from Huber and Brandon Mefford '07, but seemed to miss Bernardini's scoring as he went 0-7 and held scoreless. The loss was a tough one for the Mules but as forward, Junior Greg Pask said, "That's the great thing about basketball...you don't have wait an entire week before you play your next game." The Mules took on Drew the following Tuesday.

Muhlenberg was looking to rebound against Drew before going into their Thanksgiving break. A close battle fought all the way saw the Mules lead by three with less than a minute to go. Drew chucked up a plethora of three point shots, and the Mules played good defense and forced a bunch of misses, but Drew kept getting rebounds and Muhlenberg was eventually called for a suspect foul.

The Drew player hit one of two free-throws. The second shot hit off the right side of the rim, bounced to the right corner and the free-throw shooter was able to track down his own miss and throw up another three. This time the shot went in and Drew took the lead. After a time out, the Mules pushed the ball down the floor and had an open Huber in the corner, but Macintosh was stripped of the ball before he could get the pass off and Drew had stole one from the Mules. Huber and Riggins both contributed with 16 point in the loss.

This was a hard one for the Mules to swallow. When asked what the Mules need to do to get their offense on track, Coach Madeira said, "We have to generate some offense out of our defense... generate turnovers... push the ball up the floor and get some easy baskets in transition... Despite the losses, I've seen great effort and pretty good defense, which will keep us in every game till we start gelling offensively."

When asked about the future of the team, Tom Scott '07 said, "We have pretty high expectations for this year, and I think that after the two disappointing losses, we should bounce back and do well."

Tuesday night, the Mules (1-2) played the Haverford Fords (0-3) for the teams first Centennial Conference game of the year. The Mules dominated first half, putting on an impressive defensive show. With less than 20 seconds to play in the first half, Freshman Peter Barnes scored his first collegiate points with a hard dunk, ending the first half 34-27.

The Mules began the second half on a 16 - 6 run, taking up the first third of the second half. Although the Mules started off hot, they slowly let up their 17 point lead, allowing the Fords to come within three points with just 34.7 seconds left in the game. With just 25.8 seconds to play, Senior Brandon Mefford was fouled, putting the Mules back up by five. Ten seconds later, the Fords hit a difficult layup bringing them back within three. Shortly after, Huber was fouled, also hitting both shots, locking up the game. Muhlenberg won their first Conference game, 77-71.

Their next game is against Conference favored John's Hopkins on Sat., Dec. 2.

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their range from outside. However, Muhlenberg being a team of runs went on an 11-0 run to close the half up by two. Then continued in the second half with an 11-2 run and finished the game with a 20-7 run. Wright led the way again with 22 points but got some much needed help from Boyle who scored 19 with 14 of them in the second half. As well as reliable Meghan Courtney who scored 16 points and had 11 rebounds to get a double-double. The Mules had won the tournament with a solid group effort using depth over the Aggies who used mainly their starting five throughout the game.

On Tues., Nov. 21, the Mules opened up conference play. The Mules picked up where they had left off beating Bryn Mawr 63-42. The Mules truly dominated the game up by 17 at the half and led by as many as 35 in the second half. Muhlenberg once again received great play from Courtney who led the team with 14 points and 8 rebounds tied for the team lead with Sophomore Erin McSherry who also contributed 7 points. Boyle and Freshman Alexis Bates helped out the offense contributing 9 points each.

This win led Muhlenberg to playing cross city rival Desales University. Led by Boyles 25 and Courtney's 12 points the Mules pulled out a close one on the road 65-62. The Bulldogs took a four point lead with 2:52 remaining. However, Three point Legend Wright drained a three that cut the lead to one and the Mules defense took over from there. Courtney was a monster on the boards and grabbed a rebound on the Bulldogs next trip down. She was fouled while she missed her first free-throw of a one and one Sophomore Bethany Enterline grabbed an offense board and got herself to the line making both shots. Down the Stretch Junior Abra Like and Courtney each contributed a free throw to give the Mules a three point lead and then Courtney stole an inbounds pass with under three seconds remaining to seal the deal.

The Mules are 4-0 to start the season and take on John's Hopkins this Saturday December 2 at home at 4:00. When asked whether she feels the team will continue its current win streak, and her expectations for the season, Michelle Feldmen '08 responded, "I believe that we just have to take one day at a time. We are a very young team and we have come together very well in the beginning of the season. We have five games left before winter break, three of them are conference games. Our biggest game so far will be this weekend versus Johns Hopkins. This is our chance to show everyone that we are for real, that just because we lost seven seniors doesn't mean we cannot be successful... In the pre-season they were picked number one. I believe that this will be our toughest competition yet. If we come together and play as a team we have a very good chance of beating them and improving to 5-0. I have every confidence in our team to come through with a win."

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Championship Week will bring Bowl Picture Clarity

By Zack Gugenheim
WEEKLY SPORTS COLUMNIST

Five games that will impact the BCS Bowl Picture

ACC Title Game: # 17 Wake Forest vs. # 22 Georgia Tech (1:00 P.M., ABC)

Wake Forest has been the biggest surprise team not named Rutgers, and has been running the show without their starters at QB and RB. Instead, Riley Skinner has stepped in at Quarterback, and although hasn't put up eye-popping stats, is running the offense well enough so that the defense can win ball games. The running back position has been filled by a committee of backs, and all have contributed to the tune of 158 yards per game, with a 4 yard per carry average. Their defense has also done well, especially at forcing turnovers, evidenced against Florida State as they forced four interceptions.

Georgia Tech has been incredibly inconsistent, and a lot of that has to do with quarterback Reggie Ball. To be honest, if they had a better quarterback, Wide Receiver Calvin Johnson would have even more touchdowns (he has thirteen), most likely double the yards (899 this season), and would probably be pushing QB Troy Smith (Ohio State) for the heisman trophy. If Ball can connect with mammoth receiver early and often, then Wake Forest will have some issues. However, if Ball becomes frustrated and starts throwing interceptions, it will make the game interesting.

Lastly, Wake Forest coach Jim Grobe is one of the best in the business and should be in the top two for Coach of the year (with Rutgers coach Schiano), and I think he will outcoach Chan Gailey in this one, sending the Deacs to their first BCS bowl.

Prediction: Wake Forest 20, Georgia Tech 10
2 USC @ UCLA (4:30 P.M., ABC)

Ahh, the classic rivalry trap game... I guarantee that Southern Cal will NOT look past the Bruins this weekend, because there is too much at stake. (They will play for the national title if they win this game) A lot of people are gushing

over the huge win against Notre Dame. I'm not one of them, the win was not impressive. Sure, the defense played well, and WR Dwayne Jarrett ran wild in their secondary, but let's be honest, the offensive line for ND has been pretty bad all season, and the secondary is one of the worst in the league. That being said, Southern Cal is the number two team in the country, and will prove it against a decent UCLA squad.

UCLA has a very good running back in Chris Markey, and should get over the 1,000 yard mark, but he will not be able to control the game, and the passing attack isn't good enough to win a track meet with Southern Cal. This game will be won in the third quarter, as Southern Cal will pull away after a tight first half.

Prediction: USC 38, UCLA 20

SEC Championship Game: # 9 Arkansas vs. # 4 Florida (6:00 P.M., CBS)

In what should be the best game of the day, this game has very, very slight implications for the national title. With an impressive win, and a loss by USC, Florida could slip into the title game vs. Ohio State. Unfortunately for the Gators, I don't like their chances. Although Arkansas lost to LSU, running back Darren McFadden ran 21 times for 186 yards and two touchdowns. What's worse... LSU's defense is better than theirs... McFadden will be able to run the ball on the Gator defense, which means the Gators need to score some points.

The rotating duo of quarterbacks Chris Leak and Tim Tebow has been effective to a point this season, but they both need to really be on their game if they want to pull out a victory. Leak looked very good early against the Seminoles last week, and is one of the best quarterbacks in the nation. However, he has dropped off a little in the second half of the season, and is going to need to play up to his potential to pull this game out. He has fantastic skill players around him (WR Baker, RB Wynn), and a back-up QB in Tebow who can do the tough running if they need a yard or two. In the end, I like the explo-

siveness of McFadden, knocking Florida out of the national title race.

Prediction: Arkansas 24, Florida 17

13 Rutgers vs. # 15 West Virginia (7:45 P.M., ESPN)

This game will help determine which team wins the Big East Championship. If Rutgers wins, they will win a share of the title with Louisville, and will go to the BCS via their 28-25 victory over the Cardinals. If West Virginia wins, the Louisville Cardinals will win the title outright, giving them the BCS bid.

West Virginia has two legitimate heisman candidates for next season in RB Steve Slaton and QB Pat White, both sophomores. As explosive as both are offensively, they can be shut down, (South Florida held them to 19 points and 310 total yards last week) and Rutgers has the defense to slow the speedy duo down.

Rutgers offensively has arguably the best backfield in the country, with RB Ray Rice and FB Brian Leonard. Rice is a legitimate heisman candidate this season, and has done it with fantastic, tough running when it matters most. Leonard has a future on an NFL squad. If they can use the running game to open up the passing game, Rutgers will win in a blowout. However, if quarterback Mike Teel struggles, as he has all season, West Virginia will win the game. I've got a feeling Teel makes enough plays to win the game, the Big East, and the BCS bowl bid.

Prediction: Rutgers 27, West Virginia 24

Big 12 Championship Game: # 12 Oklahoma vs. # 20 Nebraska (8:00 P.M., ABC)

OU coach Bob Stoops has done a phenomenal job guiding this team to the Big 12 title game this season. He not only lost Heisman frontrunner Adrian Peterson halfway through the season, he lost his starting quarterback for the entire season due to suspension. Yet, the Sooners are one game away from playing in a BCS bowl for the fourth time in five years.

The Nebraska Defense is a good unit, but will face their greatest challenge in a strong offensive line, and a very good running back by the name of Allen Patrick. In his only four starts of his career, he has ran for over 150 yards in three, and over 100 in all four. He has gone beyond the call of duty this season.

The Nebraska Offense is powered by QB Zac Taylor, who has been incredibly efficient this season (24 TD's, 4 INT), and is no stranger to playing tough defenses. (Played against USC back in September) The key is the running attack, and running backs Brandon Jackson and Marlon Lucky. If they can keep pressure off Taylor, the Cornhuskers have a great opportunity to knock off the Sooners. However, if the Sooner defensive front can slow the running attack, I look for the Sooners to dominate the passing game as well, which would not bode well for the efficient Taylor. I expect a close first half, but I think the Sooners force too many mistakes from the Nebraska offense, and OU pulls away.

Prediction: Oklahoma 28, Nebraska 17

Final BCS Bowl Projections

Rose Bowl: Michigan vs. LSU

Fiesta Bowl: Oklahoma vs. Boise State

Sugar Bowl: Arkansas vs. Rutgers

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Mule Profile Tom Scott: *A Dedicated and Committed Captain*

By Alex Mangina and Ruwani Ganepola
ASST. SPORTS EDITORS

Senior Co-captain Tom Scott is originally from Edison, N.J. and began playing competitive basketball in the third grade. Currently his position on the team is forward. This is his second year being a captain and has high expectations for the season. "We are looking forward to a successful season. We are a serious contender for the Conference Championship this year and hope to win it," Scott says.

Scott takes his role as captain seriously and hopes to lead the team by example and motivate the team towards victory. In his plan to "be a leader on and off the floor," Scott further explains that he "tries to make the team work harder than they thought they could. During games, I try to be a constructive voice." Scott also values the respect and opinion of his teammates and states that, "Being a positive role model for my teammates is extremely important to me."

Scott and the rest of the team are also thankful for their coaches' dedication. Scott says, "The coaches have all been a positive and guiding influence to team members." He credits their individual contributions to the team, "All of the coaches bring their own style to the team and the variety gives a good mix of teaching and motivation. Also, the coaches in our program care more about us becoming good people at the end of our careers, rather than having more wins than losses."

With the help of the coaches and hard work, Scott has been able to progress in many ways while here at the College. Scott replies that, "Not only have my basketball skills improved a great deal, but I also feel that I have matured and learned a lot as a person

because of being a part of this program."

The season opened two weekends ago at the annual Scotty Wood Tournament. When asked about the team's performance Scott responds, "It was disappointing because we lost in the finals. The eight seniors on the team would have loved to win our last Scotty Wood Tournament. It means a lot to the players to win the opening tournament of the year." Even though the team lost in the finals, Scott is still optimistic about this season. He knows the team will be facing challenges down the road, but he is certain the team will be able to overcome them. Scott believes that, "The team needs to work on having mental toughness that will pull us through the close games when we are not playing at home. Since we only won two games on the road last season and lost four close games at the buzzer, I know this is something we can improve on."

In addition to being a captain he is also a member of Club Volleyball, SAACC and has a work-study job in the Controller's Office. When he is not dedicating his time to extracurricular activities, he is focusing on his academics. In the spring, he will be graduating with a double major degree in Accounting and Business-Finance. With all these commitments, Scott feels it can be a challenge to manage his time. Scott says, "There have been times where it was difficult to be both an athlete and a double major, but being an athlete has definitely taught me time management and discipline."

After college, Scott plans to move to Miami, Fl. to work for the accounting firm, Deloitte. He also plans to play basketball in adult leagues and for recreation. Good luck to him and the team this season!



Scott '07 dribbles the ball past a defender, driving it towards the basket.

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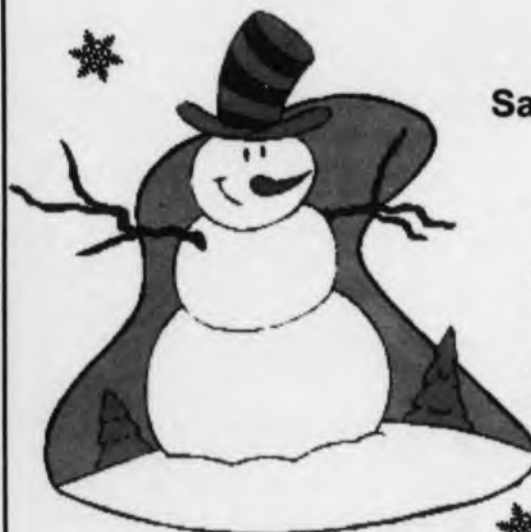
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Women's Basketball wins big in Scotty Wood, and the Winning Continues

By Josh Goldstein
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

It happened again the Muhlenberg Women's Basketball team won the Scotty Wood tournament for the fourth straight year. Seniors Meghan Courtney and Emily Wright can claim a perfect 8-0 Scotty Wood record. The girls started the tournament off with a win over North Carolina Wesleyan. They were led by Emily Wright's 19 points including five three-pointers. The Senior Forward, who's playing time had been limited in the past, really showed-off her offensive abilities, game especially her shooting range. The Mules took a solid lead in the first half and when North Carolina Wesleyan closed it to 9 at the half 34-25 the Mules did not

fret.

Muhlenberg opened up the second half keeping the opponent at bay and would end the half on a 20-5 run. Besides Wright, Courtney contributed 17 rebounds one shy of personal best, and Sophomore Lauren Boyle contributed 14 points. The Mules were on their way to the finals.

Delaware Valley tried to be the first team in four years to knock off the Mules in the Scotty Wood championship game but they were met with more Emily Wright and Meghan Courtney. The two senior leaders led their team to 87-70 victory over the Agies. Delaware Valley did have an early lead and showed

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Men's Basketball takes second in Scotty Wood Tournament and wins first Conference Game

By Justin Gerstley
SPORTS EDITOR

After a month of preparation, the Muhlenberg Men's Basketball Team opened up its season against Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Muhlenberg was able to jump out to a lead by half time and kept that lead in their hands through most of the second half. The lead was as large as twelve with seven minutes remaining in the Second Half.

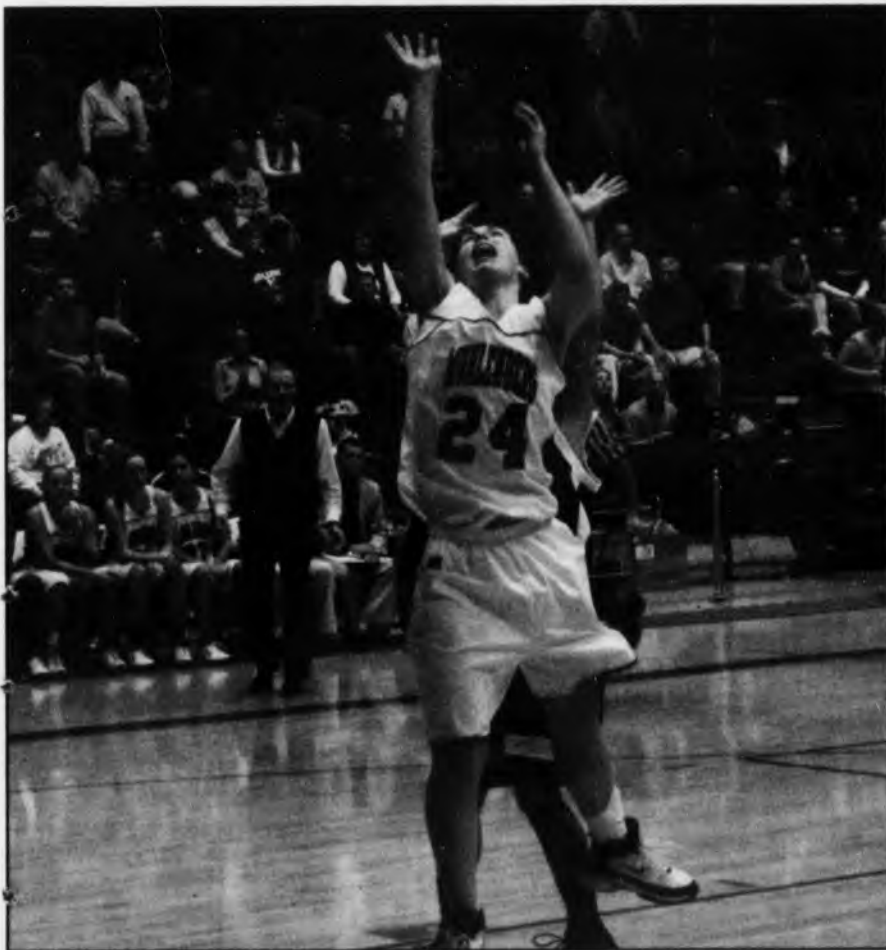
Muhlenberg got a big lift off the bench from Mike Bernardini '09 who led the team with 18 points. The team also had solid contributions from Tom Scott '07 with eight points, Jimmie Riggins '07 with 11 points and seven rebounds and Chris Huber '07 with 12 points. However, despite the contributions RPI tied

up with game with 11 seconds left going on a 5-0 run in a span of 30 seconds.

After their lay-up with 11 seconds left, Chris Macintosh '09 pushed the ball up and went to the basket throwing up a wild running shot from the right of the basket. The shot missed, but Justin Fields '07 who had scored the Mules last four points, tipped it in for his sixth straight Mule point, eighth point overall, fifth rebound and the Mule Win. They would face Steven's Institute of Technology in the finals.

Once again, the Mules were able to jump out to the early lead. Even though it was a tight battle, Fields and Scott were able to get the scor-

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Sophomore Lauren Boyle makes an easy layup to help lead the team to win the Scotty Wood Tournament.

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Senior Tom Scott rebounds the ball against Rensselaer, leading the team to victory in the first round of the Scotty Wood Tournament.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2006

The College participates in World Aids Day by holding events on campus to promote awareness

By Kim O'Brien
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

World AIDS Day, an international day of action on HIV and AIDS takes place annually on Dec. 1. The intent behind World AIDS Day is to educate the public about the effect of HIV/AIDS on the world today. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, HIV effects almost 40 million people worldwide and over 1 million Americans. The College's Gay-Straight Alliance, Comunidad Latina, Hillel, Community Service Office, Trexler Library and the Admissions Office all helped sponsor the events on campus relating to World AIDS Day.

With the assistance of the Community Service Office, Adrian Shanker '09, brought David Moyer, to the

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Adrian Shanker '09

Multicultural Center on Thurs., Nov. 30. Moyer works for the Allentown Health Bureau (AHB) and spoke with students about how widely HIV/AIDS affects them and the importance of HIV testing, prevention and community outreach. "It is important to hear the information again, even if we already know,"

said Shanker. Following Moyer's information session was a dessert reception, sponsored by the Admissions Office. Stephanie Siegel '09, assisted in setting up the reception and commented on the "responsibility that we all have to ensure health and security in the world and the diversity of campus organizations involved attests to that sentiment."

Kelly Cannon, Humanities and Business Reference Librarian, Jennifer Jarson, Social Sciences Librarian and Beth Schwartz '08, to compiled a bulletin board in Trexler Library that was displayed from Mon., Nov. 27 through Sat., Dec. 2. The bulletin board contained a mix of

statistics concerning HIV/AIDS and also information about World AIDS Day events here at the

"The attendance was the second highest in Hillel history."

Patti Mittleman,
Jewish Chaplain and
Hillel Director

College. They made sure the display was very organized and informative so that students would realize the significance of the day.

There was also a table in Seegers Union all day with information, condoms, dental dams from the AHB, red ribbons and buttons to raise money for AIDS Outreach

of the Lehigh Valley. AIDS Outreach of the Lehigh Valley is affiliated with Grace Episcopal Church here in Allentown, whose mission is not research, but direct assistance to those infected with the virus. The \$120 raised at the table will help to directly assist those infected with HIV/AIDS with transportation to and from treatments centers. The money will also provide food and shelter. On the destination of the funds raised from selling the red ribbons, Shanker said, "We wanted to start at home, helping those living with HIV/AIDS here in Allentown. People tend to focus their attention

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Gay-Straight Alliance appoints faculty member to represent GLBT

By Dan Orlow
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Anita Kelly, the Director of Counseling Services for the College, has just been named to the position of GLBT (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender) Concerns. The main purpose of this position is to make sure that the concerns and issues facing gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender students on campus are dealt with in the most appropriate way. Other responsibilities included in this position are representing GLBT stu-

dents to the administration when there is a need, acting as a reliable resource to refer GLBT students to the most appropriate places and to make sure that no GLBT students are treated wrongfully or discriminated against on campus. The issue can be traced back to last year when Adrian Shanker '09, Alex Denning '09 and leaders in the Gay-Straight Alliance, submitted a proposal to the administration regarding the concerns of GLBT students on campus. "As a gay student at the College, and as someone concerned with

the welfare of the gay students at the College, I am pleased with the President's decision to appoint Anita Kelly to be our resource, a resource for students who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, or gender non-conforming," remarked Shanker. In addition to his confidence in Kelly, Shanker has also remarked on his admiration for how receptive and supportive President Helm has been of GLBT concerns around campus.

In addition to acting as a resource for concerned students on campus and trying to prevent any discrimination or tension between students, Kelly's position also includes maintaining connections with

local and regional groups and organizations concerned with the same goals. She also will serve as a "booster" for student projects. On top of sponsoring student run projects on campus, Kelly's position is responsible for drawing together and coordinating different campus efforts and programs. The position is also charged with the duty to "collaborate with offices of Provost, Student Life, Multi-Cultural Life, Religious Life, and

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Women Studies on issues and programs of mutual interest," remarked Kelly. The administration is optimistic about the potential of the new position and is confident that it will help GLBT concerns on campus as well as make the overall administration-student relationship much easier.

"I think it's great that the Gay-Straight Alliance is broadening their horizons and becoming a greater voice in the community. As the 'Caring College' we should open our arms to all organizations," said Alexis Resnick '08.

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Be like Nike and just do it

During this time of year, it is hard to find writers for *The Weekly*. Bill has to study, Jane has papers to write and John, well, he just doesn't care. This sense of apathy, seen more during finals week, is actually present all year long. Students complain about their decision to come to the College and moan that they are so bored, there's never anything to do. They whimper that nothing ever gets done, but do those complaining ever attend any of the events on campus? What about all those MAC events and club-sponsored campus activities coating the Seegers stairwell walls? It's like complaining about politicians when you didn't even vote in the last election.

We have the opportunity to start clubs and organize events. The administration is open to just about anything we decide we'd like to do. Students should stop complaining and start working to make changes and better the College community. Dean Green has noted this apathy found among the Student Body and asked our advice on how she can get students more involved, but honestly, we didn't know what to tell her. As two active and involved members of the College community, we are just as perplexed as she is at the lack of participation on our campus. If you have the answer to this impenetrable question, we challenge you to bring it forward and make the College aware of what can be done differently to get more students involved.

The increasing number of Letters of the Editor and Op/Ed pieces that we have recently received encourages us to believe that some of our classmates are alive and breathing, willing to voice their thoughts and opinions. Their submissions prove that there are active minds and involved bodies among our fellow collegians and hint at possible greater things to come.

The holiday season has arrived and while a large portion of the College campus is busy starting/finishing their term papers, studying for exams and scrambling for more caffeine, we are thankful for our amazing staff that has been busy all semester long producing a weekly newspaper which attempts to foster and bolster undergraduate involvement. One thing is for certain, the College may contain many apathetic and indifferent students, but you won't find them in our office.

An editor's final remarks

By Erin McGroarty
LIFE! EDITOR

Working for *The Weekly* has giving me a unique chance to speak to all of my peers on campus, whether it be through my own writing or through those that write for my section. I've had the chance to intimately effect what is printed in one section of the paper. I flatter myself to think that in my short time working here that every once in awhile an event or topic that I've been able to help inform the campus about has made a difference to someone out there. As my last issue as editor I thought I would write one last piece with my own thoughts and experiences and I leave you to find whatever meaning there might be.

One of the best books that I've read this year has been *Generation Debt*. Reading it has made me eternally thankful to my parents and all that they have worked to give me. I am privileged- upper-middle class girl privileged. It has never hit me more than right after I read this book. However, taking Professor Chi's class in sociology came pretty close to having the same

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

I'm on campus every week or so for events and to meet with students or faculty. In October, the dining service was serving Fair Trade coffees, but I was surprised when they stopped at the end of the month. Is coffee important in this age of war, nuclear proliferation and global warming? I think it is, because it's the most heavily traded commodity in the world (after oil), and its production and trade hurt people and the environment. The solution is so simple! We can provide growers, workers and their families with decent education, health care, housing, and training, protect forests and wildlife while cutting the pollution that is destroying our environment, just by only buying coffee that is Fair Trade certified, organic and shade-grown. (It tastes better, too!) Okay, it is true that Fair Trade organic coffee costs three to four cents more per cup than the regular Seattle's Best coffee, but no more than the 'premium' coffees that are sold at Java Joe's. It is really not too much to ask for, so tell them to go ahead and add a few pennies to the price. As the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. once taught, sometimes we have to make choices on the basis of what is right, not what is popular. It just doesn't make sense to be fair for one month and unfair for the remaining 11 months. As students, you have more the power to change: tell the college and Sodexo (including Java Joe's) to switch to 100% Fair Trade Certified coffee. Do the right thing and play your part in the world by supporting such an easy change.

A 'fairly' easy solution

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To the Editor:

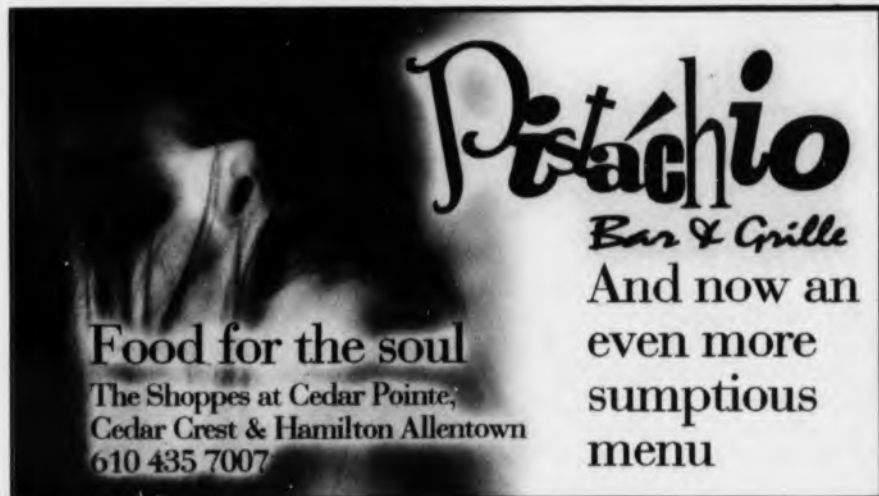
After reading the article, "Local union challenges College's construction contract," in this week's *Weekly*, I was bothered by some of the administrations statements regarding the issue. Dean Shiner Wilson stated, "I do not consider myself or the College anti-worker, as is suggested in the flyer." Well, of course not. Who would consider themselves anti-worker? The College professor who recently coerced another campus organization to lower its student pay scale does not consider himself anti-worker, or anti-student. He did it because he believes other, higher paying campus jobs are stealing his work-study staff, even though the reality is that he and his staff are cultivating an environment where students feel disrespected and underappreciated. People who are generally reasonable wouldn't describe themselves in negative ways unless they have recently realized their shortcomings and are working to overcome them. For this reason, I wish to draw the attention of the College community to a troubling situation: the attitude of the College, and of many of its faculty, staff and students, tends to be very self-centered. We've all made and heard comments about the "Muhlenbubble," but very few people, including myself, actually try to make a connection with the world around us. As long as whatever we

Protesting the lack of protests

want happens and it doesn't cost us too much, we're fine with it. We all regularly make decisions which overlook the treatment of others; we just usually aren't aware of how those decisions affect others. When someone confronts you with the consequences of your decision, it is easy to accuse them of (in President Helm's words) using "insults, bullying, [and] sloganeering" and say that people should engage in

"reasoned debate," but if a member of Carpenters Local 600 had walked up to the third floor of Haas and asked to speak to someone about the College's construction and contracting decisions, what do you think would have happened? My guess is that if he wasn't turned away, he would be granted a brief conversation, but the event would be kept quiet and we would never know about it. Think about every major social issue in history. Have any of them been decided solely through "reasoned and civil debate"? Of course not. In the world of academia, people like to think that we live in idealized world where civilized discussion will solve everything. Few such "reasonable" people, however, acknowledge that

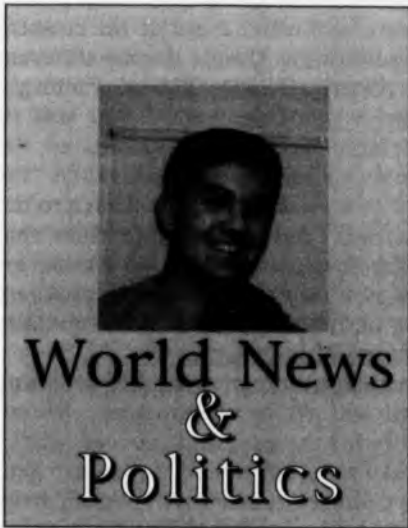
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Joe Caporoso
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

After experiencing more success than even the most optimistic Democrat could hope for in the midterm elections, a shift in focus has now taken place to finding an electable candidate for the 2008 Presidential race. Early indicators

the stigmata of being a woman, which could limit the amount of votes she gains in conservative states. She also must deal the perception that she is radically liberal, and an out of touch north-eastern elitist. Yet, Clinton has the political skills and support system of her husband's popularity to mount a strong campaign.

Barack Obama gained national recognition from a stirring keynote address at the 2004 Democratic National Convention. Obama would face even harder preconceived prejudices than Clinton, as being an African-American. Similar to Clinton, he is an articulate, talented politician. Despite the initial hardships he would face, there is no reason to think he wouldn't put together a competitive campaign.

Regardless of who runs for the Democrats, they could face a difficult battle if the Republicans decide to run John McCain or Rudy Giuliani. Both are far from being the right-wing radicals as the Republicans currently in power. Running a liberal Republican, especially one as respected as McCain, or as beloved as Giuliani, would make a very attractive candidate. Besides that, neither would have the burden of running a groundbreaking campaign that would have the majority of attention focused on their race or gender.

In a recent conversation I had with a Republican, he claimed the foolishness of the

Democrats even thinking about running Clinton or Obama. The basis for his argument was that America, especially Red-State America, would never accept a woman or African-American as President. I am not sure how long that could or should be accepted as an excuse for a major political party to not run one of them. If the best candidate is black, a woman, or even both, he/she are the one who should be run. The Democratic Party should put the best candidate forward, and not be held back by long standing discrimination. Obama and Clinton are both skilled enough

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politicians to win a Presidential election in this country. If America isn't ready to accept a woman or an African-American in the Oval Office, when will they be?

Whoever runs for both parties, the 2008 Presidential race should be a tight and entertaining one. The race should be headlined by moderates this time around, not politicians radically to one side of the political spectrum.

Fighting the brain drain

By Laura Doto
WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

I am writing in response to Andrew Smith's article "It's so hot outside; 'Urine' was a bad choice." The editorial was composed not

from a theatre perspective, but from the perspective that the author's lackluster attitude towards Allentown is defeating. Having been born and raised in Allentown, I have done my fair share of complaining about the seemingly lack of cultural events in the area; however, I have realized over the years that there are plenty of cultural activities occurring locally on a daily basis.

Every Thursday, *The Morning Call* produces the "Go Guide," which is filled with listings of cultural happenings in Allentown, Bethlehem and Easton. Students can easily collect a free issue of the *Morning Call* at Seegers Union any day of the week. Additionally, the Lehigh Valley Arts Council publishes a monthly publication called the Arts Calendar, where the public can find listings of performing, visual and literary arts events in the Lehigh Valley. This is available at the information desk in the Center for the Arts. Recent efforts have also been made by the 'Berg Organization of Musicians (BOOM) to provide all students with a listing of musical events in the Lehigh Valley and surrounding areas in a newsletter called BOOMBOX delivered to campus mailboxes.

The issue that bothers me the most about Smith's editorial is his vapid, biting claim: "It's not like we live in some cultural mecca, full of fun and interesting activities. This is Allentown!" On the contrary, the Lehigh Valley is the fastest-growing region in Pennsylvania. According to census estimates, "the Lehigh Valley ranks above the national average in income" (www.lehighmba.com). As a result of this, many new and exciting projects have come to fruition or are in the works in this region. Here in Allentown, a Community Arts Park project is nearing completion. It will be a meeting place among the Allentown Art Museum, Baum School of Art, Allentown Symphony Hall and the Community Music School. The new Promenade Shops at Saucon Valley just opened on October 27. The Promenade offers the latest in fashion, home furnishings, restaurants and a movie theatre. SteelStax, a performing arts and education center, will be constructed out of the old Bethlehem Steel

Works. As you can see, there are and will continue to be opportunities to engage in both

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such discussion cannot be meaningful unless the parties involved are invested in the debate. And in our society, getting enough people invested in an issue to make a difference can be a challenge. Our country has a long history of demonstrations and pamphlet distributing going back to the Revolution. Thomas Paine, in his pamphlet "Common Sense," refers to monarchy as "the...invention [of] the Devil." Paine's text is quite "reasoned and civil," but given its tone and scale, it would be published in today's society as a book that confines its readership to academics and perhaps their unsuspecting students. Modern pamphlets must be extremely concise and memorable to be noticed by our very short and selective attention spans. Insults in print are nothing new. The Declaration of Independence itself equates the King to a pirate ("He has plundered our seas, ravaged our coasts, burnt our towns?"), as well as tyrant and barbarian ("...works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of cruelty and perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages..."). Personally, I would rather be called an underpaid rat than a barbarous, tyrannical pirate (even if

I do enjoy a good swashbuckle now and then). There is a reason that freedom of speech was so important to early citizens of the United States. How can you have a decent society if no one is allowed to disagree with whoever happens to be in charge? People screw up; everyone makes bad decisions sometimes. Protests, demonstrations and pamphlets all serve one purpose: to draw people's attention to unnoticed consequences of certain decisions, in the hopes of sparking enough interest to start the "reasoned and civil debate" necessary to rectify the situation. The gentlemen who have been demonstrating at Muhlenberg have not been violent or disruptive; they distributed information and blew up a balloon. These are the same methods people use to increase awareness about health issues, charities and car sales. Don't criticize the methods of communication just because you don't like the message. If you wish to have a "reasoned discussion," you are obligated to research and fully understand the issues involved, which begins with reading past the first line of the flyer (or reading it at all). I hope we can have a productive discussion on this issue within the framework of, rather than isolated from, the society we live in.

Zach Brown '07

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entertaining and cultural activities in the Lehigh Valley.

Most importantly, our insatiable curiosity about the world is being fostered by an excellent liberal arts education here at Muhlenberg College. According to the Admissions Office, as many as 55% of Muhlenberg graduates pursue advanced degrees in other areas of the country up to five years after graduating. Others pursue different options like Teach for America, Peace Corps, Fulbright Awards, etc. This leaves a small percentage that stay or return to Allentown in later years. This exodus of the well-educated people from this region has been called "the brain drain." If more of us stay or eventually return to the Lehigh Valley and support the cultural organizations that exist, then it is likely that more museums, performing art centers, restaurants, bars, clothing stores * the places where the "fun and interesting activities" occur, will eventually appear as they are appearing now.

My point is that thoughts are creative, and a defeating attitude about Allentown will get us all nowhere. We all share a little responsibility for the economic success of the Lehigh Valley. It will take time, of course, but future generations of Muhlenberg College students will benefit from the current generation of Muhlenberg students who choose to stay here to support and build this area. If we work as "the caring community" as we like to say here at Muhlenberg, we will undoubtedly see an increase in the number of cultural centers in the Lehigh Valley, which will allow us to further explore our fundamental curiosity about the world.

Don't judge a ball by its laces

By Becca Goslin, Chris Musselman, Elana Rabinowitz, Liz Stillman, and Kate Thompson
WEEKLY GUEST OP/ED WRITERS

Stereotypes. They're always around us, existing to compromise our true identity, in our gender roles, in our social roles, in our personal lives. Psychology defines a stereotype as a broad category that reflects our impressions and

beliefs about images of what the typical member of a particular group is like. As college students, we are on a breeding ground for these stereotypes. Amidst the new friendships and blending of foreign demographics, this is the ideal setting for assumptions and naïve judgments to take place.

Whether playing a basketball game, competing in a tennis match, or kicking the soccer ball on the field, student athletes are one group of academia that are constantly on display. For this reason, they are especially vulnerable to stereotypes by the rest of the student body. These stereotypes are not to be overlooked; they affect the athletes' social and personal identity, athletic performance, and their academic role on campus.

For instance, a recent Muhlenberg alumna described to us a situation where she had encountered these stereotypes first hand. One day her professor turned to her, stopping the class lecture, and said "Oh you're wearing a skirt today! I'm so used to seeing you in running pants and sneakers!" Always known first as an athlete on campus, her personal identity was often disregarded. To fit the female athlete stereotype, people often labeled her as a tomboy and assumed that she would never be associated with anything feminine.

It has been found that women and men who compete in athletics are often assumed and stereotyped as being more masculine. Women are seen as defying their gender norms schema if they compete in sports that are associated with male traits such as aggression, competition and violent behavior. Women who participate in sports that do not defy traditional feminine norms, their gender schema, such as swimming and dance, are seen as being more feminine than women who participate in sports such as soccer and basketball, being that swimming and dance are not associated with aggression, competition and violent behavior. Men who defy their gender schema participate in sports which are associated with feminine traits such as swimming and dance, which are identified as being graceful and non-aggressive. Men and women who do not defy their gender schemas are seen as more acceptable than those who contradict their gender role.

Being an athlete has the possibility of affecting academic performance causing isolation from the rest of the campus. A lot of the time, the campus view of athletes is the "dumb jock". With this stereotype in mind, the athlete could potentially be lead to exhibit signs of low self-esteem which could then lead to poor academic performance. It was found that people on campus believe that athletes possess innate athletic abilities but lack academic competencies and abilities. If this is the case, more and more student athletes may be at risk for developing will display learned helplessness and have poor academic performance. This may explain why student-athletes potentially fall into a slump. Athletic performance/racial issues in sports.

In order to avoid and overcome the slump that is created by stereotype threat, it is necessary to create change in common attitudes. Stereotype threat is the concept that when a person surrounds themselves with negative images of themselves and others like them they begin to internalize those images. When a person internalizes those negative images they act in ways that confirm those negative images and stereotypes. In other words, it's not the athletes that have to change their thinking, but it's us. Think about the athletes in your classes. What are your perceptions of them as a student versus them as a person? In order to break the cycle of harmful stereotypes, you have to first acknowledge that the problem exists. The next time you hear a comment about a dumb jock, an aggressive lesbian female athlete, the natural ability associated with race or their inadequate academic abilities, speak up. You now have information that updates you about the danger of stereotypes on those being defined, and even if you are the only voice heard, it is better to attempt to silence the side comments than to let stereotypes prevail.

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effect. If you hate to read I suggest you at least try and take that class. I've also learned from this book that I have not paid enough attention to social security, political elections, Supreme Court nominations, or my retirement fund. Believe it or not I should've started saving at 14 to maintain my current level of economic standing. At 21 I am 7 almost 8 years behind. I've never been more acutely aware of how lucky I am and watched the way in which I spend my money. You'd be surprised how quickly those morning coffees can add up.

On that note, I'm planning on going broke in Italy. Even though I'm going my senior year and my last semester, study abroad will be one of the best decisions I think I will have made for myself as a student at the College. It has been something I've wanted to do since I attended a French immersion program in Minnesota. Not to mention the many people who have told me to go as advice. It will be my final college adventure and a perfect end to my career here.

Finally, I extend my thanks to all of you who ever attended any RHA events, both performers and on-lookers. I am thankful for the people who came and supported my work and the organization. It was the end of RHA that has taught me the most. With this ending came a lot of lessons about my work ethic, patience, leading skills, and so much more. I applaud all students and faculty who work in clubs and events; I never knew how hard it was until I became president of one.

This leaves out many of my experiences, but there is only so much room per page and only so much time before finals. May your experiences be as memorable as my own.

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7	9	5	3	2	1	6	8	4
8	6	4	1	9	2	3	5	7
5	1	7	4	3	8	6	9	2
6	3	2	9	7	5	1	4	8

Answer to Sudoku

Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9.

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	7							2
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WORLD AIDS DAY

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abroad [regarding AIDS] but by neglecting issues here we're at risk of allowing the problem to worsen." Valerie Lane, Director of the Community Service and Lindsey Knepp, Assistant Director of the Community Service Office recommended organizations that would be best to work with for this event.

Friday night's Shabbat dinner concluded the College's World AIDS Day activities. Patti Mittleman, Jewish Chaplain and Hillel Director said, "The attendance was the second highest in Hillel history." Shanker introduced the dinner with a quick talk on the involvement of the Jewish community, both Reform and Conservative and

activism for people living with HIV/AIDS. Fact sheets were available on all of the tables that night, educating students about the worldwide impact of the virus.




It is important for students to be aware that even though we are in the "Muhlenberg bubble," HIV/AIDS still affect us. About 1 in 250 college students in the United States are affected by the virus and about 25 percent of infected Americans don't know they are infected. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention strongly recommends routine HIV testing despite demographic. Knowledge is the best weapon in preventing the spread of HIV/AIDS.



On Thurs., Nov. 17, Phi Sigma Sigma and Phi Kappa Tau held a Twister Competition at the Phi Tau House to raise money for Community Bike Works. Community Bike Works pairs up inner-city kids with peer mentors, hoping to teach the children valuable skills that will get them off the streets. Teams of four competed in a tournament style Twister game, where the winning team won coupons to local restaurants and stores. The sisters and brothers of each fraternity were grateful that members of other greek organizations and members of the student body came out to support this event. Considering that this Twister Competition was rescheduled, the joint effort of both parties helped raise about \$1000 for Community Bike Works. Cara Wolf '08, from Phi Sigma Sigma and Jimmy Deom '08, from Phi Kappa Tau, were in charge of planning the event with help from their respective fundraising committees. Overall, those who attended had a great time and hope the event can be repeated in future years.

Compiled by Sara Horowitz

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Sunny	Sunny	Sunny
High: 33 Low: 23	High: 41 Low: 28	High: 46 Low: 32

Student Council works hard this semester to make changes

By Sara Horowitz
WEEKLY NEWS EDITOR

Just what has Student Council been up to this semester? Student Body Association Meetings were revamped, increasing the attendance. Matt Loesch '07, Executive Secretary of Student Council, said he is "thankful for all of the people that have been attending them."

He also explained that Council has been working to change the email addresses of the Student Body, making them simpler and easier to remember. In addition, because the Jewish population of the campus has increased to 28 percent, Council is calling for a new Jewish studies major. Student Council has also been working to clarify study abroad issues and complications.

Student Council has continued to work on online registration and hopes to make it available by 2008. ISBN numbers for course books will hopefully be available ahead of time so

that students can conveniently order books online from any source before classes even start. Also, those who regularly use the library may notice the increased library hours enacted this semester. Loesch says Council is "in the process of creating a new website and interface for all clubs and organizations to use to help coordinate all of their activities and be more successful at them."

Bringing Spirit Week back was something Council had been working on for awhile. Thanks to the efforts by Katie Bemis '09, and other Council members, Spirit Week proved to be a great success on the College campus. Council also participated in Homelessness Awareness Week, hosted a faculty mixer and donated to the Scotty Wood Tournament.

Council has presented and passed many resolutions over the semester, such as lifting the ban on hookah's. Currently Council is working with a resolution

for a new full declining balance option to the meal plan.

Kristen Brophy '07, Chair of Academic Committee and Class of 2007 representative said, "The committees have been in overdrive working very hard and that's where all of our work gets done. Things are going really well and moving fast. Individuals are coming to meetings with resolutions and the discussion they bring up really makes a difference and helps to connect the faculty and the students."

Although Student Council has attempted to make changes for the better this semester, there are some students who wish to see even more get done. David Dolan '07 said, "Change will happen when the right people decide to make a difference. Some already have. If more students knew what was happening at Student Council meetings, the more upset they would be. What has Student Council done for you this semester?"



On Dec. 1, brothers of Alpha Phi Omega bought and wrapped presents for children who attend the Valley Youth House.

Compiled by Madeline Kaplan

Campus Safety Notes

Nov. 28 - Harassment by Communication - A student's father has been calling his daughter's friend to try to get updates on his daughter.

Nov. 28 - Hit and Run - The car of a Plant Operations employee was hit yesterday while parked on the 2300 Block of Liberty Street in front of Memorial Hall.

Nov. 28 - Harassment by Communication - A student posted an away message online about a recent sexual assault case.

Nov. 30 - Animal Complaint - A rottweiler was found running around the campus and was turned into animal control.

Nov. 30 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off in South Hall due to steam from the shower.

Nov. 30 - Injured Student - A student was testing a can of pepper spray on 8th and

Liberty Street and got the pepper spray in the eye.

Dec. 1 - Institutional Vandalism - A \$5 computer mouse was ripped out of a computer in Trumbower Hall.

Dec. 1 - Injured Student - A student injured his/her ankle in the Center for the Arts and was transported to St. Luke's.

Dec. 1 - Safety Hazard - A tree fell on a car on Albright Street due to the windstorm. The tree was removed.

Dec. 1 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A smoke machine being used in the theater in Trexler Pavilion set off the fire alarm.

Dec. 1 - Suspicious Activity - A student waiting outside Giant for the shuttle saw a black male between the ages of 20-30 and about 6 feet tall, driving past and motioning for her to come to the car. The student refused

and called Campus Safety.

Dec. 2 - Intoxicated Person - A student in Walz Hall had possible alcohol poisoning. Muhlenberg College EMS (MCEMS) transported the student to St. Luke's Hospital.

Dec. 2 - Underage Alcohol - A first-year student in East Hall was found vomiting in the girls bathroom due to alcohol intoxication. She was transported to the hospital by Allentown EMS (AEMS) and cited for underage consumption of alcohol by Allentown Police.

Dec. 2 - Injured Visitor - A non-student cut his finger on glass in Benfer Hall. The individual was transported to St. Luke's Hospital.

Dec. 2 - Suspicious Activity - A student reported that her boyfriend had her cell phone outside of South Hall by the fire escape and would not give it back. Later, he gave back the cell phone.

Dec. 2 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to cooking from the oven on North Leh Street.

Dec. 3 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm sounding went off due to burnt food on the stove on North 23rd Street.

Dec. 3 - Injured Student - A student in Prosser Hall hurt his right hand by hitting the wall with a closed fist. He was transported to St. Luke's Hospital by MCEMS.

Dec. 3 - Theft - A student's iPod was stolen from the library when the student went outside to talk on the cell phone.

Dec. 4 - Injured Employee - A Seegers Union employee splashed hot oil in his eye while cooking on the grill. The employee refused treatment.

Dec. 4 - Sexual Assault-

This past weekend, a student was sexually assaulted by another student, whom she knows, at an undisclosed location on campus. A Jane Doe report was filed.

Dec. 4 - Theft - Three slices of pizza, two orders of cheese sticks, and two sodas were taken from the grill in General's Quarters when it was left unattended.

Dec. 4 - Sick Student - A student on the first floor of Walz Hall was feeling dizzy and his/her heart was racing. The student refused treatment, other than medications from the Health Center.

Dec. 4 - Sick Student - A student had food poisoning, but refused to go to the hospital.

Dec. 5 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off in Robertson Hall due to cooking on the first floor.

WEEKLY

Life!

"I know that the heart of life is good."**John Mayer**

To

Live

Life

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Dream

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Desiree Sedehi '08 played the intense Estrella, whose performance was spectacular as her costume.

Are our lives nothing more than dreams? Do we come and go, living at the mercy of fate? The College production of Pedro Caldern de la Barca's "Life's a Dream," adapted by Adrian Mitchell and John Barton and directed by Charles Richter, addressed these very questions, as Prince Sigismund is denied his birthright and thrown in prison because the stars predicted him to be a harsh, unjust king of Poland. To test his true nature, King Basilio announces the prince his heir, deciding that if the prince is indeed arrogant and incapable of ruling, he would be told that it was all a dream as he awakens back in the cold prison in the mountains.

The clown Clarion, played by Michael Bogart '07, added hilarity to the show, leaving the audience roaring with laughter. While his physical comedy throughout the play was fairly humorous, his performance during the second intermission proved most memorable. His ability to capture the drunken Clarion was so convincing that one would swear that he was guzzling backstage.

His side-splitting antics were certainly entertaining, but his character required much more than the ability to crack a joke. The depth of his character was most evident in his dying speech about fate. It was obvious that he was much more than a clown.

Bogart performed a couple of musical numbers, as did Allison O'Connor '07 who played the beautiful Rosaura. While the songs seemed a bit random, they were most definitely welcome and

added a new element. O'Connor's soft, lovely voice delivered brief, passionate music that caught the audience a bit off-guard, but delighted.

Live music was performed throughout, adding a subtle touch. Musicians Julia Lischner '07, Susan Lischner, Sam Swann '10, Justin Mayfield '10, Colin Hooker-Haring '10, Jeff Stone, and Brian Hay played off-stage, lending their talents to set the tone, enhance powerful word, and create a subdued background.

Andrew Brown '09 as Prince Sigismund was equally captivating. The difficulty of the role was handled excellently, as Brown had to simultaneously embody a lonely, confined prisoner as well as a Prince discovering his true identity.

His pain as a prisoner was piercing and heart-felt. His aggression as the Prince when he first discovers his

birthright in a "dream," was portrayed perfectly as Brown was forced to switch emotions in the blink of an eye.

Matt DiBiasio '07 played Clotaldo, the father of Rosaura and loyal subject of the King. He did an exceptional job of portraying the old man, as his eyes were intensely expressive and his actions deliberate. Joel Frank '07 and

Desirée Sedehi '08 also were spectacular in the roles of Astolfo and Estrella. Their rich, luxurious costumes were vibrant, contrasting greatly to Prince Sigismund's prisoner garb and wild, untamable hair.

The impressive acting was complimented by a hinged set that allowed for quick scene changes. Other effects were anything but overdone, as a simple candle held by Prince Sigismund created a power-

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College social scene sets new social rules

By Lily Hatfield
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNIST

As much as we may hate to admit it, rules run our lives. Some are more obvious, like a "stop" sign, while others are deeply woven into the fabric of our everyday lives. Socially, there are rules for just about any circumstance that we may come across, whether it be how to proceed if your boyfriend decides that he wants a three-way...with your best MALE friend, or if your girlfriend and your roommate like to watch movies together in the dark when you aren't even there, is it ok to confront them about it? Social rules allow us to have semi-normal and half-way healthy relationships in this world, and since right now our world is this College, I am going to focus on some etiquette rules that I think will help anyone survive a crazy weekend here at the 'Berg.

Rule #1: Don't hook up

with/try to holler at people who live in the same building, house, apartment or freshman dorm floor.

This will always end badly, the worst is when you are running back to your room and you have to explain to the person who just caught you, what you are doing down on their side of the building with that red, splotchy "I just got banged on the top bunk" look on your face. If you are going to play the multiple-tryst-per-night dating game, make it easier on yourself and spread out your territory.

Rule#2: Don't hook-up with your ex's best friend.

This rule can go both ways for guys and girls. It may seem like a good idea to start fooling around with your ex's best friend when things go sour between you two, but the road to Hell is paved with

good intentions and black eyes. This is just wrong and hurtful and in the end you might just end up with two guys beating the hell out of each other at the Sterling Hotel. There are 1000 other eligible guys on this campus, and have we forgotten last year's article on the rebound relationship? Give yourself some time to heal before getting back on the dating scene.

Rule #3: Being drunk is not an excuse for doing something stupid/mean/rude.

"But I was wasted!" This is often the reason given for a person's less than proper behavior at a party or other social gathering when alcohol is involved. It's easy to drink three beers and pretend like you had 13 and act like an idiot, it's really hard to own up to your mistakes and acknowledge the people you have hurt. In the

end, we are responsible for our own actions and alcohol does not take away that responsibility

Rule #4: Don't drink the "girl punch."

TRUST ME. If you are ever out at a party where there is any sort of beverage being offered "just for the girls," stay away. You might actually want to get the hell out of wherever you are in the first place. Girl punch leads to nothing but waking up with some frat guy on top of you and throwing up in your Prada bag on the drive home. Stick with beverages that are self-contained.

Rule #5: Your Roommate is not deaf: they are just asleep

You might think you are being as stealthy and slick as a jungle cat as you bring your date home for a romp on your Jersey knit sheets, but more than likely you are a belligerent elephant with vertigo crashing

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LIFE

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

"WHAT SHOULD MUHLENBERG'S NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION BE?"



"Allow for swipe usage for everything...at all times!"

-Kristen Sabia '10 & Brittany Williams '10



"Allow all swipe cards access into Brown."

- Rob Greenberg '09



"More Bite for Our Buck."

- Dan Lagstein '08



"Not to bleed students for their money."

- Jackie Quici '07



"Add more curb appeal."

- Rich Blahosky, Campus Safety Dispatcher

Compiled by Kim Nguyen

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Weekend Listings



Casino Royale

Fri. 3:30, 6:30, 9:50
Sat. 3:30, 6:30, 9:50
Sun. 12:30, 3:30, 6:30

Deck the Halls

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 9:40
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 9:40
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Blood Diamonds

Fri. 3:15, 6:30, 9:50
Sat. 3:15, 6:30, 9:50
Sun. 12:00, 3:15, 6:30

Deju Vu

Fri. 4:00, 7:10, 10:10
Sat. 4:00, 7:10, 10:10
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:10

Apocalypto

Fri. 3:30, 6:45, 10:00
Sat. 3:30, 6:45, 10:00
Sun. 12:30, 3:30, 6:45

Happy Feet

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 10:00
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 10:00
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

The Nativity Story

Fri. 1:10, 7:10, 9:40
Sat. 1:10, 7:10, 9:40
Sun. 1:10, 7:10, 9:40

The Holiday

Fri. 3:45, 7:00, 10:10
Sat. 3:45, 7:00, 10:10
Sun. 12:45, 3:45, 7:00

Get ready for finals with the Trexler Library staff

By Jen Jarson

SOCIAL SCIENCE REFERENCE LIBRARIAN

It's that time of year again - time to buckle down and study for finals. The stress of exams and papers can make it incredibly difficult to remain in one place indefinitely. Tired of being in your room, huddled on the bed or behind a cramped desk? Frustrated with your studies? Feel like you're going in circles with that massively large final project? Did you forget how to cite those sources in your final paper, or want to find some new last-minute material to freshen up that thesis?

Relax - the staff at the Trexler Library is here to help you during your most important and stressful week on campus!

Need help? Library staff are always ready to help. Ask at the Reference Desk on level A for help

finding resources, formatting your bibliography, and lots, lots more.

Quiet study space. In response to students' requests, level C in Trexler Library is now devoted to quiet study. Extra study carrels have been added, so there's plenty of room. Head on down if you need some serious peace and quiet to pump out that last ten page course paper.

Group study space. Need a place to plan your group project? Just want to study with friends? Trexler Library is the place to go. Spread out on the big tables on levels A and B! And first come, first serve for group study rooms on levels A and C. The group study room on level A is also equipped with a TV, VCR, and DVD player

Expanded hours. From Study Days through Finals, the library will be open late for you! We'll be

here: 12/9/06 from 11am-12am; 12/10/06 from 11am-3am; 12/11/06-12/13/06 8am-3am; 12/14/06 8am-2am; 12/15/06 8am-5pm.

Computing. And don't forget about wireless. Did you know Trexler Library is a wireless hotspot? Bring your laptop to the library. See <http://www.muhlenberg.edu/mgt/oit/support/wireless.htm> for help configuring your computer or ask at the Reference Desk. Of course, many desktop computers are available. Extra computers have even been added for your convenience—one to terrace B, and one each to levels B and C, by the entryways. (They even play DVDs.) And brand-new laptops are available for in-library use, too! Ask about those at the Circulation Desk

Relax. Sometimes you just need

a cozy place to focus. Couches have recently been added to Level A in the reference area and the Muhlenberg Room. The terraces are also a great place to find some comfy chairs. Stretch out and hunker down.

Take a break. Have you checked out the library's DVD/VHS collection? Search the library catalog by title, or browse the shelves on level A for your favorite movie or TV show. TVs with DVD players and VCRs are available on level A, too. The library also has a great selection of fiction, including a *New York Times* Bestsellers collection, which can be a great way to unwind and de-stress after finals are over or when you can't focus on your essay, exam questions anymore.

Just remember, we're here to help. Good luck with your all of your finals, and have a great break!

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through a dark wilderness at 3:02am. Have some consideration for the people with whom you share space. You might think you are being super quiet, but more than likely you are disrupting your roomie's sleep. Save it for a night when the room is free, and possibly for when you haven't had 6 shots of Jager. Go buy an AeroBed, put it in the living room or basement and let the good times roll.

Rule #5 Section A: Your

walls are not thick.

We are happy for you that you are having awesome sex; we just don't want to hear about it through the walls or downstairs. Bite on a pillow or something.

Although there are countless rules and regulations as to how to act in social situations, I hope that with these few points, you will be able to navigate away from drowning in a sea of despair and instead end up on Pleasure Island. Stay sexy stay safe Muhlenberg!

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ful effect greater than any showy, bright lights produce. Tension mounted throughout the performance and culminated in a battle, featuring skillful sword-fighting that was so intense, the audience sitting in the front row was asked not to leave their seats at any point during the final scene.

The atmosphere was intimate, as it took place in the Studio Theater instead of a larger, more impersonal theater. The character of Clarion, in particular, included the audience as he drunkenly staggered out onto the stage during the second intermission.

Picking on audience members and leading the crowd in a cheer, Clarion referred to the performance as a "play," bringing himself out of his strict role as Clarion the Clown, but by no means abandoning his character.

His jokes were hysterical. Anyone who found himself wandering outside the theater during intermission immediately regretted stretching his legs the minute uproarious laughter sprang from inside the theater.

The performance, as a whole, was incredibly worth the ticket. The acting was flawless, the music was subtle and comfortability of the ambiance enhancing and the atmosphere was personal and powerful. Each actor delivered every single line with clarity and immense purpose. Each embraced his other character without limits.

Also, this particular adaptation was snappy and crisp, much to the audience's appreciation. Although the performance required two intermissions, it did not drag for a second. It came and it went, but left a lasting impression on everyone who was fortunate enough to see it.

A capella Fest



On Thurs. night the RHA put on A capella Fest, their last event of this semester, which showcased all of the campus' a cappella groups in roughly half hour sets. It was put on in Miller Forum and there were cookies, truffles, as well as hot chocolate and coffee. The old favorites, Girls Next Door, the Acafellas, and the Dynamics performed along the newer groups, InAcchord, Noteworthy and the Chai-monics.

Every group performed their new songs in addition to as many crowd favorites as they could fit in. Members of the other groups stayed before or after their sets to listen to and support their fellow performers. The positive energy in the room was palpable and the enjoyment of the performers transmitted to the audience. The groups that stuck around helped to loosen up the crowd and got them swaying and clapping along to the beats.

As for the audience, they appreciated the talent of their fellow students and were pleased that the night offered a break from studying and work, allowing them to have a night filled with great music.

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Ohio State vs. Florida Headlines the 2006-2007 Bowl Season

By Zack Gugenheim
WEEKLY SPORTS COLUMNIST

The Bowl Championship (Controversy) Series came out with their final poll last Sunday night, and the results ended in disbelief for both the Florida Gators and for the Michigan Wolverines. The Gators supposedly had little to no shot of making the title game, regardless if the USC Trojans had lost. If Southern Cal were to lose (supposedly, it was a very big if), Michigan would supposedly go to Glendale to challenge the Buckeyes for the national title in a rematch.

The result? Southern Cal loses to UCLA, Florida beat Arkansas, and Michigan was "penalized" for ending the season two weeks early. Talking media-heads are now screaming for the unfairness to the Wolverines, and how they were jumped by Florida just because they were sitting home. I agree with this assessment, and Michigan should not have been jumped in the polls. However, they shouldn't have been there in the first place. The fact that they lost on November 18th, regard-

less of who it was too, should have put them behind Florida and USC. Michigan knew the stakes of the game, and knew if they won they would automatically be in the title game. Both coaches stated they would not like a rematch, and they shouldn't anyway. Why does any team deserve a mulligan against any particular opponent? The fact is the system is flawed, yet it isn't going to leave any time soon. I believe the system gave us a great match-up, as well as a great rose bowl match-up (Michigan vs. USC). Although we need a playoff, we will have more than enough quality match-ups to watch over the holidays, especially the one that will determine the national champion.

BCS National Championship Game: # 2 Florida vs. # 1 Ohio State (Jan. 8)

As said before, this game is going to be a great one to watch. This game is going to be an explosive, physical, and emotional match-up. Ohio State has been the consensus #1 all season long, and has looked the part in every single game except

against Illinois. They defeated two number two teams (Texas and Michigan), a pretty decent Penn State squad, and an Iowa squad on the road, before they imploded because of injuries. Florida has played even better opponents (LSU, Arkansas, Tennessee), and has met every challenge except one (@ Auburn). They have seemed inept on offense at times, and extremely inconsistent, but when they and their starting quarterback, Chris Leak are on, watch out, they can be explosive. Freshman WR Percy Harvin is fast, and is much like Ohio State WR Ted Ginn, who both will be lined up in multiple positions and sets to put them in situations to make a big play. Florida WR Dallas Baker is their big possession receiver, and WR Andre Caldwell helps round out a fantastic core of wide-outs that could give the Ohio State secondary nightmares.

Speaking of nightmares, Ohio State's balance on offense (WR's Ginn, Anthony Gonzalez, Brian Robiskie, Roy Hall, Brian Hartline, and RB's Antonio Pittman and Chris Wells) will be the biggest test

this vaunted Florida defense will have seen all year. People talk about the speed of the SEC, and say that it is unmatched. Well, I think this OSU squad will surprise, and QB Troy Smith will be able to deliver the ball to his speedy receivers, as well as his tough, powerful running backs. Remember, the last time Ohio State went up against a vaunted defense like this one, they racked up 500 yards and 42 points.

Florida will win this game if they can get pressure Troy Smith, and can neutralize the middle of the field. Their defensive backs have enough speed to stay with Ginn on the outside, but Gonzalez will tear up the middle if given a chance. Florida will also be able to score if Leak doesn't make mistakes, which he is prone to doing (Three turnovers in the SEC championship game). They do not have the best offense that Ohio State has seen, but they will still be able to score on a good, but not great, Ohio State defense.

I see Troy Smith being as the dif-

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ference in a close, offensive game, as the Buckeyes have too many good receivers, which will loosen up the running game for two of the best (and most under-appreciated) backs in the country.

Way too early prediction: Ohio State 31, Florida 27

Rose Bowl: # 8 USC vs. # 3 Michigan (Jan. 1)

A traditional Big 10/Pac 10 match-up will provide a fantastic game on New Year's Day. The Michigan Defense is still hurting from the beating they took on November 18th, but make no mistake about it, this is the best defense in college football, and will have a chance to prove it against a young, but talented Trojans squad. The Trojans have a nasty WR core in Dwayne Jarrett, Steve Smith, and Patrick Turner, but QB John David Booty hasn't been the greatest guy to distribute the ball to them at all times. He, much like Chris Leak, is very inconsistent, which is new to USC fans, after the fantastic quarterback play of Matt Leinart and Carson Palmer for many years.

The Michigan Offense faces off against the best defense they will see all season, and it will be up to Running Back Michael Hart to provide some big time runs to help the quarterback Chad Henne to get in

rhythm. If Hart runs for 100 yards, the game will be theirs, because it will set up play-action pass for the best deep threat receiver in the game (Mario Manningham), and will burn the Trojans defense.

Way too early prediction: Michigan 28, USC 17

Fiesta Bowl: # 9 Boise State vs. # 7 Oklahoma (Jan. 1)

Boise State is a good team, and even though they come from a non-BCS conference, these guys are good enough to hang with the big boys. Unfortunately, they are playing against the hottest team in football right now in Oklahoma.

Oklahoma was supposedly out of the BCS when they first lost Quarterback Rhett Bomar to suspension, and then heisman-candidate Adrian Peterson to a collarbone injury. However, new quarterback Paul Thompson has played very well, and converted linebacker Allen Patrick has filled in nicely at running back. Not to mention, the defense has played lights out.

Boise State will come out fired up, and running back Ian Johnson will be able to run some on the defense. He is too good to be easily contained. However, Adrian Peterson will be back on the field, and anything Johnson can do, Peterson will match, especially against a suspect BSU defense. It will be close, but the Sooners

defense, and a triumphant last game for Adrian Peterson will seal the deal for the Sooners.

Way too early prediction: Oklahoma 28, Boise State 20

Orange Bowl: # 15 Wake Forest vs. # 5 Louisville (Jan. 2)

Wake Forest has been the story of the season, and shocked everyone by winning the ACC last week. They are great on defense, as they held Georgia Tech to six points last week, which includes all-everything receiver Calvin Johnson. However, they will face their toughest test in this game vs. an amazingly potent Louisville squad.

Offensively, this team has been held under 30 points just four times, and has the best quarterback (not named Troy Smith, Brady Quinn, or Colt Brennan) in Brian Brohm. This guy is clutch, and knows how to get the ball to his receivers. He will be the key to the Cardinals if they pull out this game.

Defensively, the cardinals will struggle somewhat. Wake Forest will be able to move the ball, and can score some points, especially by pounding it on the ground. Wake isn't a great offensive team, but they will be efficient enough to get a few scores. I look for Wake to put in a gutty performance, but I look for Brohm to be too much for the Deacs.

Way too early prediction:

Louisville 31, Wake Forest 17

Sugar Bowl: # 11 Notre Dame vs. # 4 LSU (Jan. 3)

This game will probably be the only game that I won't watch past the first half. Notre Dame is good, but outside of quarterback Brady Quinn, this team is just not that talented, and do not deserve to be in the BCS. Couple that with the fact that LSU is another very hot team right now, and you are asking for a complete blowout. Remember last year, when LSU was supposedly on even ground with Miami at the peach bowl? If not, let me remind you, that back-up quarterback Matt Flynn decided to have a coming-out party, and went on to destroy the Hurricanes 40-3.

Notre Dame will score points, they will not be as inept as Miami was last year. However, Notre Dame's defense hasn't seen a running attack as deep as this one. (RB's Jacob Hester, Alley Broussard, and Keiland Williams have assisted in gaining nearly 160 yards per game.) Couple that with the fact that quarterback JaMarcus Russell is maturing as a passer (a really good passer) and you are asking for a nightmare. Notre Dame's defense is too slow, as is their offensive line, and they will be hammered for a third straight time against a top ten opponent.

Way too early prediction: LSU

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Mens Basketball fall to Johns Hopkins

By Eric Feld
ASST. OP/ED EDITOR

With a 2-2 record the Muhlenberg Men's Basketball team took on the 23rd ranked Johns Hopkins on Sat., Dec. 2.

The 6 - 0 Blue Jays have owned up to their reputation as preseason favorites in the Centennial Conference. An exciting first half witnessed a close battle as the underdog Mules grasped a slim lead for the first half. Junior Greg Pask sparked a lead in the first half by scoring a career high 16 points and posting six rebounds. Pask earned his sixth point of the game after he juked Hopkins Center Matt Griffin and hit a pull up jumper on the left of the lane. "Coach told me to take the open outside jumper, since the Blue Jays were sinking their big guys into the lane," Pask commented. While he says the game has given him more offensive confidence, he will continue to build on his success. The Mules led by four at the end of the first half.

Despite their first half success, the Mules could not close out the second half. The Blue Jays showed their true colors through their inside strength, proving their top ranking. Led by Matt Griffin's 15 points, on 6-11 shooting, the Blue Jays were able to take a lead in the second half and held off a late rally by the Mules to win 62-56. Once again the Mules were out-rebounded 43-31 and could not post any inside scoring. Muhlenberg also benefited from double digits points from Senior Chris Huber and from Captains Tom Scott and Chris Pothering. The Mules Next home game is against Washington College Saturday at 6:00.

Though they could not pull off the victory, the Mules made a statement about their ability to put up a fight. This game also included the most threes made in a game 21.

On a separate note on the same day 17-07 Lincoln scored 11 in the second half to set a 10-0 record ending 201 points in the 201-07 victory over Marion. Lincoln scored 17 points in the first half and 104 in the second half.

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Mules Wrestling places fifth Kein upsets top-seed

By Alex Mangini and Ruani Ganepola
ASST. SPORTS EDITORS

The Muhlenberg Wrestling Team started off their season strongly this past weekend at the Messiah Petrofes Invitational. After the first day the team was tied for seventh place with 57 points. This placed the team ahead of four opposing Centennial Conference teams. At the conclusion of the second day, the Mules placed an impressive fifth out of fourteen teams overall, with a cumulative score of 97.5. This was a huge accomplishment for the Mules because the team has not placed this highly at the Petrofes Invitational since 1993.

An impressive performance by Rob Kein '09, was vital to the team's overall performance. Although Kein entered the Petrofes Invitational unseeded, he still managed to not only win his weight class, but he was also awarded the tournament's Most Outstanding Wrestler. In his first match, Kein defeated seventh ranked seed John Marsh from Bridgewater State 6-3. In his subsequent matches, he defeated Ursinus' Adam Papas 13-3, Heidelberg's second ranked seed Nick Sanchez 8-5 and Mt. Union's sixth ranked seed Sean Dreger 7-0. In the final match, Kein defeated Springfield's number one ranked Division III wrestler Mike Gaeta with a final score of 7-6.

Teammate Billy Hall '09 also played a crucial role in the team's success. Hall who was ranked sixth seed, managed to also win his weight class. In his opening match, Hall pinned Springfield's Doug Rohner in an impressive 5 minutes and 4 seconds. Hall went on to defeat both third ranked seed Jamie Sgaglione from Springfield 6-2, and second ranked seed Pat Flynn from Brockport State 9-7. In his final match Hall beat Lycoming's fourth ranked seed John Estable 10-5.

Justin Fitch '09, who was unseeded upon entering the tournament, also placed an impressive fourth in his weight class. In his opening match, Fitch defeated Johns Hopkins' fifth ranked seed David Kraus 5-3. Fitch was pinned in 5 minutes and 37 seconds during his following

match against fourth ranked seed Nick Allerding from Mt. Union. In his next two matches, however, Fitch defeated both Oneonta State's Josh Wake 3-2, and Michael Hamilton 3-1. In his next match, he won by default over Springfield's third ranked seed Greg Dussol. Then in Fitch's consolation final he lost 3-2.

Joseph DeCampo '08 who is a third ranked seed, had a strong finish by placing fifth in his weight class. In his first two matches, DeCampo defeated both opponents 9-1 and 12-8. In his next match, however, DeCampo suffered a close defeat with a score of 6-5. He was victorious in his next match with a score of 12-7, and in his subsequent match he won by default against

Springfield's eighth ranked seed John Archambeau. He lost the match after that to Bridgewater State's fifth ranked seed Frank Cammissa 7-4. In his last match he earned a victory by default over Lycoming's fourth ranked seed Drew Bader.

In addition, Matt Horn '09 placed seventh in his weight class at the Invitational. In Horn's first match he pinned Oneonta State's Gary DuVall in 3 minutes 45 seconds. In his next match Horn was defeated 12-5, but in his third match, he pinned Messiah's Dando Speers in an impressive 50 seconds. Then Horn was defeated 9-5 in his fourth match. Horn, in his final match, managed to defeat Kings Point's Troy McGuinness 8-2.



Sophomore Bethany Enterline shoots and scores over Johns Hopkins.

Congratulations to Coach Ron Rohn
on his 100th Muhlenberg Win!

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Women's Basketball on a 5-0 streak

By Josh Goldstien
WEEKLY SPORTS COLUMNIST

With a first half played very tightly, the Mules headed to the locker room with a 31-30 lead. The Mules would not look back from there. The second half started with a bang as the Mules quickly took control throwing a 30-6 run at the Blue Jays from John Hopkins at the start of the second half and easily won the game 75-58. Muhlenberg was able to win despite Hopkins 20 point scorer Julie Miller, and being out rebounded 51-36. The Mules countered a turnover forcing defense creating 25 Hopkins turnovers. The charge for the Mules seemed to be led by Sophomore Abra Like who leads the league in assists and continued to show off her passing ability. Abra finished the game with 7 points, 10 assists, 5 steals, and a plethora of deflections and saved balls. She gave a lot of credit to her coaches scouting and game plan, and says "in order for the team to be successful the team just has to keep pushing the ball." Her hustle was outstanding at one point she deflected a pass tracked it down while falling out of bounds and found an open teammate. Giving her the first ever Hustle Player of the Week Award. The Mules also received big play from forward and center Meghan Courtney '07, and Erin McSherry '09 who contributed double digits in points. Of course once again the Muhlenberg scoring charge was led by Lauren Boyle '09 who had a team high 15 points as she was as Coach Rohn put it "just average good". He also contributed his team's success in part to Hopkins number 1 and 2 point guards being out, as well as his team's execution of the game plan. He has been impressed with Like's play thus far and was very pleased with McSherry's play especially in the second half. Muhlenberg has looked sharp this far with a record of 4-0 and will go on the road today to play Drew as Coach Rohn looks for his 100 career win at Muhlenberg. They follow that up with a game against Washington at Memorial Hall at 4:00 on Saturday.

On Tues., Dec 4th, Coach Rohn had his 100th win!

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2007

The College celebrates Martin Luther King, Jr. day with a keynote speaker

By Julie Eisen
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

On Thurs., Jan. 18, the College's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Event played to a packed Empie Auditorium composed of mostly Lehigh Valley locals. The world-renown Reverend Dr. James A. Forbes, Jr. headlined the evening in addition to various Muhlenberg and Lehigh Valley musical groups and speakers.

The evening's theme centered around celebrating song and its impact on African American culture, especially during times of unrest. Dr. Ethel Drayton-Craig, Director of the Multicultural Center and organizer of the celebration, opened the event by saying, "The song helped to galvanize

the Civil Rights Movement...and establish a spirit that would not break."

Passionate performances of historically African American songs by InAcchord, the Girls Next Door, Muhlenberg Gospel Choir, ACCO: A Chorus Celebrating Women and Union Baptist Church Mass Choir had the audience in constant rhythmic applause, creating a palpable communal spirit.

Roberta Meek, a 2006 Wescoe School graduate, and Richard W. Cowen '53 dissected "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing," the song that is often referred to as the Black National Anthem. They put its words into historical context and had everyone sing the song together.

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Economics class travels to Italy before Spring semester begins

By Sara Horowitz
WEEKLY NEWS EDITOR

Over winter break, the 23 students enrolled in the Spring '07 special topics economics course entitled "Emperors, Ecclesiastics, and the Economics of Rome," taught by Dr. Sam M. Laposata, Visiting Professor of Economics went to Italy as part of the course. In courses where a class and trip are involved, the class is usually taught first and the trip follows its completion. However, Dr. Laposata decided to change things around,

having the trip prior to the classroom experience.

In this manner, the course could be structured on the travel experiences of the students. Each student was told to pick a topic while they were abroad, something that they saw, experienced or really interested them. Then, once the course began, the students would delve deeper into this topic, and at the end of the semester, would present their findings to the rest of the class. Dr. Laposata felt that having the trip take place at the end of

the class would make it more of a sight-seeing vacation rather than a hands-on experience. He said, "The trip became much more than just sight-seeing. It was superb."

From Jan. 3 - Jan. 11, the class traveled to Rome, the Vatican, St. Peters, the Jewish Ghetto, the forum, Coliseum, Pantheon, Trevi Fountain and the Spanish Steps. Day trips included Florence and Pompeii. A tour group led the class around these historic

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Student arrested for online scandal

By Jamie Schnieder
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Michael Carr '07 was arrested at a train station in Doylestown, Pa., on Fri., Jan. 19. He was charged with using the Internet to arrange for sex with a minor. According to an article in the January 20th issue of *The Morning Call*, Carr exchanged a number of messages, some of them sexually explicit, with what he thought was a 12-year-old girl, but was actually an undercover agent.

Carr made arrangements to meet the "girl" Friday and was arrested in the parking lot of the train station.

Carr is charged with one count of attempted unlawful contact with a minor (a first-degree felony), one count of criminal use of a computer and another count of attempted unlawful contact with a minor for sending sexually obscene material (third-degree felonies). He faces up to 20 years in prison and a \$20,000 fine if convicted of the first-degree felony, and up to seven years in prison and \$15,000 in fines if convicted of the third-degree felonies.

According to the 1/20 edition of

The Call, an investigation into Carr's behavior began after a woman told police that Carr had been speaking with her 14-year-old daughter online and was trying to meet with her in New York City. As a result, Special Agent Michael A. Miletto of the Child Predator Unit posed as a 12-year-old girl named Jennie, creating a fake screen name and MySpace.com profile. The two began to exchange messages in November.

In an e-mail sent to all members of the College community, President Helm said, "I believe I speak for all of the Muhlenberg community in saying that we are deeply troubled by the events that have transpired and find the alleged behavior to be appalling and unacceptable. The College has cooperated and will continue to cooperate with law enforcement officials throughout this process."

Carr is currently taking a leave of absence from the College. If and when he chooses to return to the College, he will go through the judicial process at the appropriate time.



Reverend Dr. James A. Forbes, Jr. addresses the crowd in Empie Theatre

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Only one of 2200...

A travesty has recently occurred on this campus that has the entire college community gossiping behind closed doors and sifting through web pages to find the latest news about Michael Carr '07 and his alleged sexual offenses. As students of the College, classmates of Carr, yet leaders of an unbiased publication, we have struggled on how to represent this troubling issue. If you look to *The Morning Call* website, where the infamous articles are posted, forums are available at the conclusion of each report. The link will lead you to a discussion board of sorts filled with hatred, disgust and violence sprinkled with the occasional do-gooder's request for understanding, hope and belief in change. Although shocked, it's hard to condemn him. Perhaps there are issues we don't know about such as Carr's personal/psychology/emotional history or if the agent was baiting him. Call us naïve hopefuls or optimists who refuse to face the facts, but either way we believe that Carr does not deserve to be cruelly abused through trashy forums, wishing him injury and physical pain such as one poster's comment, "May he fall onto a broomstick which sticks out his mouth!"

Another poster said, "I can personally vouch for the fact that there are some real shady characters who attend there [Muhlenberg]. Gone are the days where 'college student' meant upstanding citizen. Our society's values are seriously f'd up and our youth reflects those f'd up values." The allegations against Carr have somehow been displaced on us all, lumping all "college students," particularly Muhlenberg students, as accomplices in crime, rebels without morals and brainless wonders with no consciences. Carr is one of 2200 students at the College—an infinitesimal percentage of the learning community (we don't all have dark secrets that lurk in AIM sessions). Yet, neither Carr nor college populations should be objects of persecution. Campuses are not breeding grounds of immorality and depravity, but rather open-minded hubs comprised of intellectual and mature individuals. Perhaps these posters should take a step onto our campus and see what Muhlenberg is all about rather than allow one student's alleged behavior to define the campus as a whole.

The Weekly wants YOU

By Andrew Smith
WEEKLY BUSINESS MANAGER

Last semester was very exciting at the College and much has changed. For instance, there was a growing awareness of key events occurring on campus, coverage of big issues that resulted in great debate, and a much-needed reflection on the semester in general. Before I further discuss these changes in retrospect, I think it is important to acknowledge *The Weekly* staff for providing a very accurate and interesting newspaper last semester.

The Weekly is unlike many other clubs and organizations on campus. The writers and editors of the newspaper exert great time and effort producing a publication that they deem informative of current and upcoming campus events for the entire Student Body. These individuals are highly dedicated and spend hours, for example, coming up with new ideas, planning for future stories, editing current articles and constantly worrying about the final draft of the newspaper before it arrives in Seegers every Thursday morning. As the new semester rolls around, I urge everyone to voice their opinion in the paper because it

is important that we help support a constructive dialogue in our college community. The future of the organization relies upon new members who are interested in spreading information to the College. They are looking for new ideas and/or opinions on matters that may be occurring on campus and that can facilitate change throughout the College. *The Weekly* is vital to the College because we need a paper that can effectively communicate with the Alumni of the school and/or other friends and family that may want to remain close with our community.

The Weekly wants the entire College community to consider the issues and events that may be occurring on campus, and to submit articles to the paper. Additionally, we are looking for opinions of potentially controversial topics for debate. Look to the successful debates regarding *Urinetown*, hookahs, baby sciences, Sodexho, and other topics. We were effectively able to discuss these issues and help foster solutions. Thus, we urge everyone to write and become a part of *The Weekly* staff. Have a great and successful semester, and we looking forward to hearing your opinions!

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

Late last week, I had a frustrating experience at the Career Center. I had received an email from a biology professor about a local company looking for an intern during the semester. As a senior, I was anxious to get more work experience in addition to making a little money on the side during my last semester. I called the company, talked to the owner and he asked me to fax him my resume.

Then I went searching for a fax machine. My housemate suggested the Career Center. Surely they had one and would gladly help a career-bound senior out. I thought wrong. I went through its doors and asked the receptionist if she would mind faxing my one-page resume. She asked if it was an internship attained through their discovered office. I answered no, it was through a biology faculty member. Students do get internships on their own. She then asked if I had had my resume critiqued by the Career Center. I again answered, no. My organic chemistry professor proofread it because he knows what the industry looks for in a resume and possible employees. I also asked the father of a friend who hires staff for his own company. The

secretary then apologized and cordially said they do not let students use their fax machine. Aren't they the Career Center? Aren't they supposed to assist students (especially seniors) any way they can to find a job or internship? The office was virtually empty and this whole affair would have taken less than a minute. Extremely frustrated, I put on a polite smile and high-tailed it out of

Students getting stuck on red tape at the Career Center

there. As for getting a job after graduation, I will continue to do my own leg work and leave the Career Center out of it. As a postscript, I would like to thank Dr. Ethel Drayton-Craig and Anitra Witkowski of the Multicultural Center for being wonderful advocates and actually letting me fax my resume.

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New Democratic Congress starting off strongly

World News & Politics

Joe Caporoso
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

The first major set of legislation proposed by the new Democratic majority of the House of Representatives has successfully passed through, yet whether these proposals turn into law still remains to be seen. Whether the six bills can make it past the Senate and President Bush will go a long way in determining the early influence the new Democratic Congress has in Washington.

Each of the bills work to either undue or improve Republican policy that has dominated all three branches of our government over the last few years. The first bill is to more extensively put the recommendations of the 9/11 commission into place. Most controversial to Republicans is the mandate that all air and ship cargo coming into the U.S. be screened within three

to five years. Surprisingly, President Bush, who prides himself on national security, has openly opposed this part of the bill. Although 100 percent screening may be impractical, certainly a large increase is necessary to improve national security.

Next, Democrats have proposed upping the minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$7.25 over a three-year period. This seems likely to pass through, as long as Democrats add tax breaks to offset the increased costs of a higher national minimum wage. Another bill involving ways to limit the rising costs of prescription drugs is being threatened with a Presidential veto because "government interference impedes competition," words that mean nothing to

people struggling to afford medication. Yet, the bill will probably be modified to help it at least pass through the Senate and limit the likelihood of a veto.

One of the most controversial issues in our country is stem cell research. The Democrats are again proposing the same legislation that was already passed in the Senate but vetoed by President Bush. Unfortunately, the bill did not pass with the two-thirds majority necessary in the house to

override another likely veto from President Bush. It is a shame that both Congressional houses can not agree on the potential medical breakthroughs from the cells, but our President can't get past his ethical beliefs to allow it. However, that argument is for another article.

A bill that reduces the interest rate on federally subsidized loans to college students from 6.8 percent to 3.4 percent passed in the House by an overwhelming 356-71 majority. A similar bill in the Senate will also increase the maximum amounts of grants given out by the government. Even if President Bush vetoes the bill, which has been implied, his veto would be overridden. The President's reasoning for the vetoes is confusing.

The final part of the legislation would cut back over 14 billion dollars worth of tax breaks for oil drillers. It would then take this money and aim it towards promoting other sources of energy. The President has objected this bill and will most likely present his alternative plan in the near future.

Again it remains to be seen whether these proposals will turn into law, yet the Democrats' minds seem to be in the right place. Aiding the poor by increasing the minimum wage, helping college students afford their education, and looking for alternative sources of energy besides oil all make sense for America at this time.

Whether the six bills can make it past the Senate and President Bush will go a long way in determining the early influence the new Democratic Congress has in Washington.

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Seegers Union exhibit features photos by children living in Hurricane Katrina's aftermath

By Kim O'Brien
WEEKLY LIFE! ASST. EDITOR

With the mention of Hurricane Katrina, one instantly thinks of images from national newspapers and broadcasts. This semester, however, students of the College have the opportunity to view photos captured by sources at the heart of the crisis—children living in the aftermath of the storm. "Where We Live; Children's Photographs from FEMA's Airport Village," is now on display directly outside of the Seegers Union Great Room. Project Director Pamela Connelly marked the opening of the exhibit on Jan. 17 with a 7 p.m. lecture in the Great Room, sharing her three-month experience working with children living in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) "Airport Village," a fenced-in trailer site for displaced persons in North Baton Rouge.

"I wanted to see what these kids would photograph—to see what they're seeing," emphasized Connelly, a New York-based photographer and middle school photography teacher. She worked closely with "Kids With Cameras," a non-profit organization committed to teaching children the value of photography to reach an audience that spans much further than the local community. Connelly gained her inspiration from "Kids With Camera's" (KWC) founder Zana Briski's documentary *Born into Brothels*, a 3-year project in which Briski lived within Calcutta's red-light district documenting the lives of the children in the region. But rather than merely filming and interviewing the youth, Briski gave them cameras and

photography lessons to document their surroundings.

"Briski gives them a voice, and that's really a powerful thing when you feel like no one is listening," stated Connelly. She noted that the cameras gave her Baton Rouge students "power over their surroundings. FEMA did not want the outside world to see what this looked like." The organization, she noted, "was under a lot of scrutiny for their initial response to the disaster."

"To be given a camera was very powerful," she said. "The kids, they were like sponges. They took it all in."

Connelly stressed to her students the power of art and the importance of "being real—capturing your subjects as being real. It feels dangerous and raw," observed Connelly of the black-and-white images taken by her students, "but at the same time, there was a lot of joy. It just filled them up, and they made these images. It just all spilled out in a beautiful way."

The project even gave the children, many who are struggling to adjust to the overstrained Baton Rouge school system, a taste of the college life. This summer, the group of six youths spoke at Louisiana State University to showcase their work. "All wore their cameras to the show," noted Connelly.

Regarding the Seegers exhibit, Connelly emphasizes the strong voice found in amateur artwork. "To show kids other works by kids is very powerful—it's something they can connect to." She noted one particular boy in the group: "If you ask him what he does, what he likes, he'll tell you, 'I'm a photographer.' It's encouraging to see how this could change their lives."



Pamela Connelly stands in front of a picture of "Airport Village" children.

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Answer to Sudoku

Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9.

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2			7	1	8			

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
High: 22 Low: 18	High: 40 Low: 28	High: 34 Low: 21

Accreditation Program implements new review process for Greek Life Chapters

By Daniel Asip
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

The start of the new year brings a new review process for Greek Life at the College. The Accreditation Program for Greek Life at the College begins this semester with all Greek Chapters being under annual review from now on.

The idea of the review process was brought forth by the Greek Life Task Force in November of 2004. The Task Force recommended:

By recommending the accreditation process, the Greek Life Task Force was asking the College to produce standards by which chapters need to follow.

living out their missions, values and creeds, as well as to meet the expectations of the College, the College should develop an accreditation process for the chapters."

The Greek Life Task Force is a product of President Helm and Chris Jachimowicz, Director of Greek Affairs. Jachimowicz said, "President Helm and I came to [the College] at about the same time and we understood that students had a feeling that the administration was anti-Greek." He said that it was why they "developed the Greek Life Task Force to help aid in deciding what was the role of Greek Life on campus and what role should they have."

By recommending the accreditation process, the Greek Life Task Force was asking the College to produce standards by which chapters need to follow. In other words, the Task Force was asking for a way for chapters and the College to measure their success.

Once this recommendation was presented, President Helm assembled a committee of faculty, staff

and students to produce an annual review process for all Greek Life. "From the beginning President Helm emphasized a minimum approach to the standards in the review process," said Jachimowicz. "The committee collected data from all of the chapters on campus as well as information from annual review processes at other colleges and universities to find some minimum that made sense."

The end result is a 37-item inventory providing minimum expectations for the College's Greek Life. "The Accreditation Program requirements are equal to or less than the national chapter requirements," said Jachimowicz. "The area where it may ask more of chapters is that they are expected to do either a sexual assault or risk management program for the general student-body."

Points are given to chapters based on their academic achievement, community service and philanthropy, chapter programming, chapter management and development, and campus community building. The minimum point threshold for chapters occupying a chapter house is 40 points, and for those chapters not occupying a chapter house, the threshold is 34. The point thresholds are increased by one point if the chapter conducts spring recruitment.

For chapters to have programs and events count towards points, they must submit verification forms within 48 hours of the program or event. When asked whether the process leaves a gray area where chapters could alter information Jachimowicz stated, "The honesty of information is left to the integrity of the group, no one from the College is going to be standing there with a list of who is actually attending these events. We trust the students to make the right choice."

"It's possible that verification for an activity might not be granted based on several issues including if

it comes in late," said Jachimowicz. "The time-frame eliminates paperwork and groups making up events."

"The additional paperwork takes organization and some parts are kind of confusing," said Amanda Clifford '08, President of Delta Zeta. "We haven't had to submit anything so far, but I have sat down with Chris [Jachimowicz] and he has been very helpful."

In terms of the response by alumni and students, the opinions have differed. "President Helm notified Greek Alumni and has received support from them, but chapter responses have varied," said Jachimowicz. "Some don't see problems with the process, but some do. Overall, students seem to be willing to give it a chance."

"I think the annual review process is a good idea," said Clifford. "We already have events that fit the requirements so it's easy for us to jump right in, we don't have to plan any new events or philanthropy."

"Everyone has to remember that this is the first year of the process so there are

"There is potential for change, but we need to go through the process first in order to see what needs to happen."

Chris Jachimowicz,
Director of Greek Affairs

going to be kinks," said Jachimowicz. "There is potential for change, but we need to go through the process first in order to see what needs to happen."

"At this point, chapter event log registration forms have been submitted and information has been released to the chapters about the process," he said. "In the future information will be released to let new members know where chapters stand."

Famous authors come to the College for English course

By Emily Rabson
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

For the first time since 2003, Living Writers is being offered at the College. An exceptionally large English class composed of two sections, the course is team-taught by Dr. Alec Marsh, Associate Professor of English and Dr. Grant Scott, Professor of English. Marsh admits that it was "very expensive and has to pretty much pay for itself. It was never simple to find authors to use in the class.

"We had to find who was available and who was affordable. We have two Pulitzer Prize winners," Marsh explained, "but there are three lesser known authors as well. Most of all, we want students to realize that writers are alive and well," said Marsh.

Poet Galway Kinnell, who won both the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award for Poetry, will give a public reading at the College on Mon., Jan. 29 at 7 p.m. in Miller Forum. Other visiting writers include Jonathan Franzen (2/12), Sue Miller (2/26) and Laurie Stone (3/19), poet Barbara Reyes (4/2) and playwright Brighde Mullins (4/23).

The class first began in 1995 but was last offered in 2003. "The program is modeled after the one at

Colgate University, which was founded by Frederick Busch, a Muhlenberg College graduate...it was really his idea," said Marsh. The class is geared toward English majors. Scott recognized that this year's class contains "lots of writers" and Marsh explained that, "[This class is] also part of the Writing Concentration, so there is an emphasis on the creative writing aspect."

Scott explained the process of how writers are chosen: "Linda Miller picked four of the writers, I chose Kinnell; Marsh and I chose Reyes.

We seldom choose the same writers for the course, which is now offered once every three years."

Scott declared, "We're excited!" when asked about his expectations for this semester and Rebecca Unger '09 agrees with this. "It seems exciting, and very different from the other classes. I mean, how often do you actually get to meet the people who write what we read in college? Most of them," she added, "are [already] dead."

When asked how the anticipation

of meeting the writer will affect how he reads the texts, Andrew Coven '07 said, "Usually I try to separate the author from the text, so it will be interesting to look at the writing as connected to a person."

Unger had a slightly different approach. "Well, hopefully it will help me to find the author's meaning and interpretation more often and combine it with my own thoughts rather than just focusing on my own interpretation, since both are important in literature."

Alec Marsh,
Professor of English

When asked which texts appear the most interesting and the most challenging, Coven responded, "I'm not very into poetry, so that can always be challenging, I'm looking forward to reading John Franzen, just because I like his title, *The Discomfort Zone*."

Unger voiced a similar sentiment. "I look forward to the first author on the list, Galway Kinnell, whose poetry we're reading. Poetry is always tough to interpret since it's so personal, and there's probably a lot we're overlooking by not being

connecting to the poems. I'm most looking forward to reading *Monkey in the Middle*, since the play is also going to be performed here as well."

Students not currently signed up for this class are still able to become involved. "Readings are open to the public and all are welcome to attend," stressed Marsh. Students who have taken other English classes may be familiar with some of the works. "Many regular authors [used in other English classes] were first introduced through this program."

Both students and professors are looking forward to the weeks to come. "I enjoy writing, so it really wasn't an opportunity I could pass up," added Coven.

Sarah Smith '07 said, "I took the class because Linda Miller recommended it to me. She said it was a very interesting class. In the group class, I liked hearing what both Scott and Marsh had to say about the poems and their differing opinions."

Lindsay Kutner '08 said, "I am so excited to be enrolled in Living Writers. The class not only offers students the opportunity to learn directly from the lectures and readings made by the authors who are visiting, but it presents aspiring writers with a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

MLK DAY

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er with interlaced arms. Dr. Drayton-Craig explained that during the period of the Civil Right Movement, many active churches ended their services by singing this anthem arm-in-arm, symbolizing the idea of "going forward, locked arms in unity."

Dr. Forbes, who was identified by Newsweek Magazine in 1996 as one of the 12 "Most Effective Preachers" in the English-speaking world, charismatically delivered his speech about what Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday celebration represents: tolerance and peace. He voiced concern about the "trivialization of the King day" and enthusiastically asked the audience, "Will you join me in taking it seriously?" Dr. Forbes drew upon his religious background and his political opinions to apply Dr. King's messages

of non-violence to today's warring environment.

The day after the event, Dr. Drayton-Craig said that she was "very pleased with the turn out," remarking that many notable people from the community were there. Though disappointed by the small student turn out, Dr. Drayton-Craig said that she was sorry that people missed what she thought was "a magnificent message about the morality of us as world citizens." She focused on the positive, saying, "The right people were there."

For the people who did attend, the celebration and keynote speaker struck chords. One student walked out of the Center for the Arts and answered her ringing cell phone with, "I just heard the most amazing preacher." As Drayton-Craig said, there was a magnificent message for all.



Dr. Ethel Drayton-Craig, Director of the Multicultural Center and the event's organizer, also spoke to the audience.

ITALY TRIP

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sites. Dr. Laposata said the "tour group was a tremendous help" and the hotel they picked was "very convenient" because it was located next to the train, making traveling around Rome less stressful with a large group of people.

Students of all class years went on the trip. According to Dr. Laposata, "The class lines disappeared. The students now seem very excited and eager to take the course. In the course, we will explore the demography of Europe [among other topics]." Laposata also feels as though the class will now have "better dynamics" because the students are familiar with each other as well as their professor.

Dr. Laposata said one of his favorite parts of the trip happened on their way to Pompeii when they stopped at a pizza place for lunch. The place made five different kinds of "amazing" pizza

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*Dr. Sam Laposata,
Visiting Professor of
Economics*

allowing each student the chance to sample the different types. Laposata said the place was "very tiny" and really gave the students, as well as himself, a feel for what Italy is really like.

Alyssa Pezzella '09 said the trip was "incredible." At first, she only knew one other person but by the end she was "good friends with everyone

else on the trip."

"At night the students were able to go out and experience the night life of Europe, which was a lot of fun," said Dani Miller. When asked what her favorite part of the trip was, Miller said, "The sight-seeing was great especially since the class was given free time to explore the historical sites and streets on their own."

According to Dr. Laposata, this course "is

being planned for next January" and will be led by Gail Eisenberg, Lecturer of Business and Director of the Internship Program. She also participated in the trip this January. Laposata really hopes "to make this January trip a regular event." He believes its success will continue into the classroom and hopes the students will "use their trip to Italy as their foundation for the semester course."



Members of the Emperors, Ecclesiasticals, and the Economics of Rome class stop for a picture in front of the Vatican in Italy.

PHOTO COURTESY OF DR. LAPOSATA

Campus Safety Notes

Jan. 1 - Larceny/Theft - A balance scale was stolen from room 219 in the New Science Building.

Jan. 1 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to a power failure at 2302 Chew Street.

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Jan. 16 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off while an electrician was replacing the detector at 2238 Gordon Street.

Jan. 17 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off in the basement of Walson Hall due to cooking in the break room.

Jan. 17 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to smoke from cooking at 415 North Leh Street.

Jan. 18 - Larceny/Theft - A stop sign and sign post with a combined value of \$55 was stolen from the Martin Luther Hall/Memorial Hall parking lot.

Jan. 18 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to cooking at 428 Albright Street.

Jan. 18 - Non-Medical Transport - A non-student was pulled over for motor code violations when driving a student back to campus. Campus Safety received a phone call to pick up the student from 26th and Chew Street.

January 19 - Found Property - A red bike was found between Walson Hall and the New Science Building.

Jan. 19 - Dispatch Code/Stand By - A student was referred to the judicial process and arrested for one count of attempted unlawful contact with a minor, one count of criminal use of a computer and an additional count of attempted unlawful contact with a minor for allegedly sending obscene sexual material. The Attorney General and Campus Safety had been given consent to search the student's place at 2216 Chew Street.

Jan. 19 - Fire Alarm

Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to smoke and steam from cooking at 417 Leh Street.

Jan. 19 - Injured Student - A female student had her hand slammed in a car door, causing it to have small lacerations and blood. She refused to be transported to the hospital.

Jan. 20 - Suspicious Person - On Chew Street, four African-American males stopped female students to ask if and where any parties were taking place. The individuals were informed to stay out of the area.

Jan. 20 - Disturbance - There was loud slamming of doors on the second floor of East Hall D and a hole was punched in a door. The individual that was responsible for all the noise and damage was referred to the Judicial Process.

Jan. 20 - Intoxicated Person/Underage Alcohol - An underage student who was sick due to drinking was transported to St. Luke's Hospital. The student was referred to the Judicial

Process for underage consumption of alcohol.

Jan. 20 - Sick Student - A student in Walson Hall became suddenly ill. Muhlenberg College EMS and Allentown EMS were both called.

Jan. 20 - Larceny/Theft - A student filed a report about a mezuzah being stolen. Campus Safety is investigating the issue.

Jan. 20 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off on the fourth floor of Walz Hall. The problem may have been caused by a spider web in the detector. The system was reset and replaced.

Jan. 20 - Vandalism to Vehicle - A student reported that her car, which was parked on N. 23rd Street, had its rear window broken. It appeared that something hit the vehicle but that the vehicle was not entered. It is still unknown whether vandalism took place.

Jan. 21 - Underage Alcohol - One student from Prosser Hall was referred to the

Judicial Process for underage possession of alcohol.

Jan. 21 - Criminal/Malicious Mischief - A student reported that her Blue VW Bug had been vandalized in the Benfer Parking Lot. There was smashed cannoli on the windshield of the vehicle.

Jan. 22 - Vandalism to Vehicle - In the Martin Luther Hall Parking Lot, eight screws from a ski rack on the top of a Toyota Rav4 were stolen.

Jan. 22 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off on the third floor of Prosser Hall due to burnt popcorn.

Jan. 22 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to the detector in the stair tower of Walz Hall. The detector was replaced.

Jan. 22 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to a low pressure alarm from the sprinkler system in Ettinger Hall.

WEEKLY

Life!

"Life is messy. That's how we're made. So, you can waste your lives drawing lines. Or you can live your life crossing them." - Grey's Anatomy

The Eighth Sea rocks the boat in their Red Door concert

By Kim O'Brien
WEEKLY LIFE! EDITOR

When you ask student Ryan Acquatta '09 to pinpoint the style of his band, he admits the answer is not rock-solid; their music, however, is. "We don't have a style yet--but I feel that when you create enough original material, a style arises from it." A large crowd got a taste of this style-in-the-making process on Saturday night at *The Eighth Sea's* concert in The Red Door. The performance opened with one-of-a kind act *The Late Cretaceous*, a new, acoustic-rock group on campus wittily dedicated to paleontology. *Cretaceous*, appropriately clad in dinosaur propaganda, helped usher in *The Eighth Sea's* second appearance at the College.

The Eighth Sea borrows from multiple genres to create an edgy sound that is distinctly their own--infused with classic rock, hip hop and even some fantastic strands of jazz. Their playlist varies from original songs to covers of popular favorites. "We have a lot of idols and like to play their music--and we also like to learn from them," noted Acquatta at the performance.

They incorporate a healthy balance between up-tempo and mellow material like covers of Wilson Pickett's "Mustang Sally" and originals such as their own "No Name Street," to more serious compositions like their self-composed "Allentown" (no relation to the Billy Joel single!) and covers like *The Doors* political "Peace Frogs." Ladies will appreciate some of the more romantic lyrics of the band's jazzier pieces, but guys don't fret, there's plenty of rock infused into the playlist.

In many college-bands you often run into the common dilemma of solid instrumental rifts but lackluster vocals, or a great lead vocalist with no band to back him up. *The Eighth Sea*, however, has the whole package. Acquatta (many may recognize his voice from the Acafellas) doesn't falter in delivering energetic vocals throughout the concert. The guy can pull off quite a range of styles, from the band's cover of *Pink Floyd's* "Money" to the softer tunes of the group's original acoustic pieces. The instrumentalists deliver as well. Members Chris Hanson (guitar), Oren

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Ryan Acquatta's '09 genuine love for performing was apparent Friday night as he took the stage as the lead vocalist for his band *The Eighth Sea*.



The Eighth Sea, a self-proclaimed half cover band, half original music, showcased their talents Friday night in The Red Door. Packed with their faithful fans, the band played their more well known hits like "Spanish Rain," as well as the newly written "Let's Play."

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For an alternative experience head out to Stonewall

By Lily Hatfield
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNIST

"When you're alone
And life is making
you lonely - You can
always go downtown..."

You know, readers,
Petula Clark has a good
point there. If you are tired
of the College bar and
party scene, and are look-
ing for some fun and new
excitement in your life you
can always go...downtown!
And no, I don't mean on
someone—I mean head on
down to Tenth Street right
here in own beloved city of
Allentown. Nestled in
between the coffee shops
and abandoned buildings is
a magical place—one that
few have ever heard of or
seen.

I am speaking of the
infamous Stonewall Bar.
Stonewall is a
Gay/Lesbian/Pretty Much
Anything You Can Think
Of bar. I ventured down to
Tenth Street with some
girlfriends of mine this
past Thursday night. Some

of us were straight, some
were gay, and maybe, just
maybe, for that night the
rest of us were somewhere
delightfully in-between.

Ladies, if you are tired
of the relentless lack of
decent man-candy on this
campus, of being drooled
on by drunken horny
men with hairy
knuckles or if
you have or are
considering
giving up on
male testos-
terone altogether
because it has just
not been working out for
you, a trip to the Stonewall
might just be what you
need.

For a straight woman, it
is quite the adjustment. For
a woman who is used to
getting hit on constantly at
bars and clubs, it will be a
major shock when you
walk in and no one looks at
you. "But Lily, if it is a gay
bar, won't the women hit
on me?" Just like hetero-
sexual people are not
attracted to every single

member of the opposite
sex, it is the same in the
gay and lesbian communi-
ty. Just because you are a
woman doesn't mean all
gay women will hit on you,
ask you to dance or even
look at you. Just because
you are a straight guy in a
gay bar doesn't auto-
matically change
your romantic
preferences in
those first few
minutes.

Any way, straight people are
drenched in heterosex-
uality from the moment
they step inside the bar.
When I got out to
bars/clubs/parties, I like
to dress up. I like to put on
a hot outfit, make sure my
ass looks fine and apply my
makeup. At Stonewall,
most of the women are
dressed in baggy pants and
shirts, sweatshirts and ban-
danas. A girl wearing a
shirt with her boobs about
to pop out will stick out in
the crowd like a sore
thumb. A simple tight tee

shirt, tank top or button-
down shirt with jeans and
causal sneakers or boots
will do just fine if you are
trying to blend in.

There will be some very
fine ladies at Stonewall,
but if you take a closer
look you'll see that they ar,
in fact, men. They have
nicer legs, shorter skirts
and more makeup than any
hetero girl could ever imag-
ine wearing, and you know
what? They look fabulous.
We were treated to a drag
fashion show at midnight,
which was pretty much the
highlight of the evening.

The ladies strutted their
stuff to bumping and blast-
ing techno music as an
enthusiastic crowd cheered
them on while begging for
more. If you were feeling
the good vibrations and
maybe even something else
in your own downtown
area, you could give a few
dollars to the competitor
for her effort.

As I mentioned before,

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LOVE
&
LIFE

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: WHAT ISSUES DO YOU THINK THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHOULD DEAL WITH?



"Tremont should not be an
option. Allow all students to live
on campus who wish to."
- Megan Wilhelm '07



"Build a new dining
hall rather than huge action
stations."
- Zoe Fox '08



"Squirrels. We need more."
- Evan Sheppard '10



"Lack of service in the GQ."
- Bill Snow '09 & Jon
"Birthday Boy" Harris '07



"Lack of air conditioning
in Prosser."
- Paul Pelullo '10

Compiled by Kim Nguyen

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Weekend Listings



Smokin' Aces

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 10:00
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 10:00
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

The Pursuit of Happyness

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:50
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 9:50
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

The Hitcher

Fri. 4:50, 7:50, 10:10
Sat. 4:50, 7:50, 10:10
Sun. 4:50, 7:50, 10:10

Freedom Writers

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 9:40
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 9:40
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

Night at the Museum

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Epic Movie

Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:00
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:00
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

Arthur and the Invisibles

Fri. 1:20, 4:20, 9:40
Sat. 1:20, 4:20, 9:40
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 9:40

Dreamgirls

Fri. 3:45, 7:00, 9:50
Sat. 3:45, 7:00, 9:50
Sun. 1:00, 3:45, 7:00

Freedom Writers delivers powerful but predictable message

By Rebecca Unger
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Although it certainly isn't the first movie of its kind, *Freedom Writers* brings some variety to the usual brand of based-on-a-true-story movies that have recently swept the box office. This movie chooses to ground itself in reality by shedding light upon life in the Los Angeles area in the early 1990's after the L.A. riots, in which racial gang wars were at an all-time high.

The focus lies on the high school students of the area, the manner in which the violence has wrecked, and at points, consumed their lives. Yet, within the safe haven of room 302, these students of different ethnic and racial backgrounds are brought together by a desire to fight against racial battles and misfortune.

Specifically, the movie chronicles the struggles of their teacher, Erin Gruwell (Hilary Swank), as she attempts to teach these students despite their difficulties as well as the administration's reluctance to help her achieve this goal. This part of the movie has a similar feel to many others of its kind, most notably the made-for-TV movie *The Ron Clark Story*, starring Matthew Perry, in which Ron Clark tries to raise the test scores of middle school students in a New York City public school.

However, what makes this movie different is the fact that it also takes the perspective of some of the students or "Freedom Writers," as they come to name themselves. Early in the movie, Ms. Gruwell gives her students the assignment of writing in a journal everyday. The students actually take this assignment to heart, and chronicle the many hardships that they are forced to deal with on a day-to-day basis in these notebooks.

Often, these stories are relayed to the viewer, although some in more detail than others. For instance, at times the movie closely follows the story of a Hispanic girl named Eva (April Lee Hernandez) who, as a child, watches her father as he is wrongfully arrested.

Moreover, Gruwell herself is forced to deal with hardships in her own life. Throughout the movie, she has to deal with disappointing her father (Scott Glenn), who, despite being a civil rights activist, believes she is wasting her time trying to educate these students.

In addition, due to the excessive amount of time and effort her job requires, she and her husband (Patrick Dempsey) are forced to deal with many marital issues. Although this part of the movie is not, by any means, the main storyline, it does add a realistic feel to the plot.

Gruwell continues to fight for her students despite a lack of support from the two most prominent figures in her life. Although fighting for the Freedom Writers causes her to lose her picture-perfect lifestyle, she continues the battle anyway.

Unsurprisingly, Swank delivers a great performance of Erin Gruwell's character with the perfect combination of both toughness and caring in order to really bring her to life. Also, it is certainly a treat for fans of *Grey's Anatomy* to watch their beloved McDreamy, Patrick Dempsey, as he is transformed into a McAsshole.

However, the most notable performance is given by April Lee Hernandez. Although not a well-known actress, she is really able to bring her supporting role into the spotlight. By far, she is the strongest of the younger, lesser-known actors in this film.

Overall, this movie gets its message across, stressing the importance of education to all students, not just those of middle and upper-class American families who can afford it. The students' lack of education is not only the fault of the obvious, neglectful or even absent parents and lack of government funding, but places some of the blame on the teachers who have given up on these students without ever trying to crack their stubborn shells.

Go get some culture!

"Muhlenberg Film Forum"

The Civic Theater
527 N. 19th Street

This special presentation showcases major motion pictures followed by discussions led by Muhlenberg faculty. The schedule goes as follows:

"Last King of Scotland"

Wed., Jan. 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Discussion by: Tom Cartelli, Professor of English

"Volver"

Wed., Jan. 31 at 7:30 p.m.

Discussion by: Irene Beibe, Asst. Professor of Spanish

"The Aura"

Wed., Feb. 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Discussion by: To be announced

"Our Daily Bread"

Wed. Feb. 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Discussion by: Richard Niesenbaum, Assoc. Professor of Biology & Jeffery Frank, Farmer and Owner of Liberty Gardens, Coppersburg

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MEALS TO-GO

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GARDEN ROOM to-go



NEW for SPRING '07

Sizzle Station (made-to-order mania)

New Pizza Offerings

Green Mountain Coffee - Fair Trade Coffee Available Daily

100% Compostable and
Environmentally Sustainable Packaging

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Fully biodegradable in compost facilities in 60-180 days.

A1 Japanese Steakhouse gets A+

By Beth Schwartz
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Though some disagree, there is much to do in Allentown, especially going out to dinner. Many students at the College anticipate the Friday evening festivities that start after 10 p.m., but at around 6:30 p.m., some of us enjoy spending quality time with our friends outside General's Quarters or the Garden Room. A1 Japanese Steakhouse is a great restaurant where you can relax after a tough week of classes and stress.

A1 Japanese Steakhouse, located at 3300 Lehigh Street, offers fresh sushi, cocktails (for those over 21 years old), as well as tables for regular fine-dining. Yet, A1 is also known for its special Hibachi style cooking.

The Japanese word, "Hibachi," means "fire-bowl" and when dining there you can see that the translation is very truthful as your meals are cooked right in front of you on a raging hot hibachi table.

As A1 Japanese Steakhouse is

similar to the many other Japanese Hibachi steakhouses, such as Teppan Steakhouse on Hamilton Boulevard, A1 still has its own identity with a lot to offer. The décor is authentic, the entertainment is jovial.

As my party of seven walked through the long hallway to our table, spotting several rooms of four Hibachi tables, we see beautiful paintings of Japanese artwork and authentic Buddha sculptures. We are seated at our table as the waitress welcomes us and takes our orders. We asked to get individual checks, but A1 expects customers to only pay from one large tab, even if we are in a large group. Some people at the table thought this was inconvenient.

The specially trained chef, Kenny, led his cart of butter, oil, garlic, spices, eggs, towels, fresh raw meat, etc. between the small wedge constructed by two Hibachi tables, he eventually settled in front of us in his apron and chef's hat, both exuding a motif of a chili

pepper.

He introduced himself and went over our orders. As he is a specially trained chef, who is anything but modest about his talents, he juggled razor-sharp knives to get himself and us ready for the meal. At A1, diners can choose from Hibachi entrées, that are very similar to Teppan's choices, including vegetables, chicken, calamari, salmon, teriyaki steak, New York steak, shrimp, scallops, filet mignon and lobster tails. Those entrées range from \$10.95 to \$25.50. You also have the option of having a combination dinner, with a choice of two entrées, with prices ranging from \$15.95 to \$25.95. A1 also offers Hibachi lunch specials ranging from \$7.60 to \$9.95 which includes soup or salad, oriental vegetables, and white rice or fried rice. Combination lunch specials cost up to \$13.50.

As we salivated for our food that Kenny was cooking right in front of us, Kenny teased us even more. He cut up three shrimp and tossed a

piece into each person's mouth. When somebody missed the toss, he tried again. When somebody caught it in his or her mouth, everybody clapped. Of course, at first, everyone was embarrassed, but at the end of the tossing game, everyone wanted to try again.

I had the Hibachi chicken, which was very tender and a decent portion. Included in my Hibachi entrée was soup with basil spices, salad splashed with an excellent, spicy ginger Japanese dressing, hot fried rice (you can get fried rice or white rice without a cost difference whereas Teppan charges extra for fried rice), which is even better than Teppan's, and appetizers of two or three shrimp and vegetables: mushrooms, zucchini, onions, carrots and broccoli that were seasoned to perfection.

Andrew Smith '08, ordered Hibachi steak and shrimp. He was impressed with the portion and Kenny's speed and service. When Kenny put the last portion of steak on his plate, he said, "Wow."



The chefs at the A1 Steakhouse were entertaining as well as talented. The restaurant is a good place to go for an interesting and savory meal.

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no men will be looking at women in this bar, unless they want to compliment them on their shoes.

Guys, this is not a place to go and watch lesbians make out because:

1. Ladies here have no intent or interest in pleasing you.
2. It's trashy to make out in gay bars just as much as it is to make out at Liberty Street Tavern.

Here is a New Year's res-

olution that we can all try and keep. Don't pretend to think that you will keep your resolution to go to the gym everyday. Really, try be realistic in your expectations--there is only so much you can accomplish in one year's time.

Resolve to try something new this year, do something you have never done or open your mind to new opportunities and experiences. Stay sexy, stay fabulous and stay safe Muhlenberg!

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Levi (bass), Samuel Fishman (drums) and Dianna-Lynne Hsu (keyboard), as well as Fishman's brother Jeremy making several appearances on the saxophone, keep the beat fresh and interesting.

This was *The Eighth Sea's* second performance at Muhlenberg; however, this group is not new to the music scene. "We've been playing music for a really long time. We've been writing music since sophomore year," stated Acquattro. The group of musicians began performing at school functions and bars, and even recorded their first seven-track album, *Mood Swings*, in spring of 2005. They hope to add more per-

formances and recordings to the repertoire. In fact, Acquattro envisions the group performing at a full-time level after college.

"I would be great to keep this up as a profession," he stated. With each school year that passes, each member brings back something innovative and new from their campus.

"Our influences--there are too many too list," explained Acquattro. "We all have really different styles. But we work all of our influences in."

To learn more about the band, view pictures, find out about their next performances and hear sound clips, check out their MySpace.com page or check out their group on the ever infamous Facebook.

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Two-time NCAA Academic All-American

Mule Profile: Matt Loesch

By Heather Fox
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Matt Loesch is a senior two-sport athlete. After playing football in the fall, Loesch trades in his pads and helmet for a singlet and headgear for wrestling's winter season. The transition is not an easy one. Loesch wrestles in the 197 lb weight class and has reached weights as high as 245 lbs prior to the start of football. Weight isn't the only challenge he faces from playing two sports. Loesch was out for the early part of the season with a football injury. Loesch damaged his knee, tearing his ACL, fracturing his tibia and damaging the meniscus as well. Since returning from break, he has been wrestling through with a large knee brace and a good deal of pain. "The season is only for another two months or so, and then it's all over. So I'm really trying to do what I can," says Loesch.

He has been wrestling since age four. In high school, he was Captain of the Football, Track and Wrestling Teams. His leadership extends through college where he is in his second year as the Wrestling Team's Co-captain. During his high school career, he earned over 100 wins. This year, Loesch sees his role as a Captain to get "the most out of everybody since they have so much talent."

Today he is regularly recognized for his accomplished wrestling career with the College. In his second year as team Co-captain, Loesch has a career record of 79-14, with 21 pins. He is second in Muhlenberg history for win percentage and ninth for career wins. In his first three seasons, Loesch had never lost a Centennial Conference match (17-0). This year's opponents are tougher than ever, but Loesch came out on top this past Saturday with a win against Johns Hopkins and Gettysburg making his CC record 19-0.

His impressive career also includes three

Centennial Conference championships. Loesch has been a three-time NCAA Nationals qualifier. As a freshman, he received the Rookie of the Year Award with a 25-5 record and three tournament championships, but missed the chance to be an All-American by one match. In his sophomore and junior years he reached the semi-finals finishing 4th and 6th, making him twice named a NCAA All-American. Loesch has been ranked as high as number one in the country and came into the season ranked 3rd. He holds the Pennsylvania state record for the fastest pin occurring in just 4.4 seconds. He has clocked this time twice, though only once officially.

It is challenging to be an athlete, but even more so to be a student athlete. Loesch has proved he can excel at both. "It's one thing to be in college, it's another to be in a sport, and it's a completely different thing to have to be drawn and so worn out everyday from cutting weight," he says. His teammates are in the same positions and Loesch recognizes that "it's difficult to keep everybody focused and keeping their eye on what we can accomplish if we keep going like we're going."

A Valedictorian from Upper Dauphin High School, he is now working towards honors in both Business and Psychology. He has been named to the Centennial Conference Academic Honor Roll for both Wrestling and Football. Loesch is a two-time NCAA Academic All-American and won the Sidney G. Wiekert Sophomore Student Athlete of the Year Award in 2005. Graduating in the spring, Loesch is aspiring to be the first person at the College to receive honors

in Business.

Outside of wrestling, Loesch has an extensive resume. Being from Carsonville, Pa., he spends a lot of time in the state woodlands hiking, camping, kayaking and exploring. Here at the College, he has been involved with the Football Team for his last two years, church choir, gospel choir, tutoring, class council, student council, Board of Religious Life and various other clubs and committees.

As for Loesch's plans after Muhlenberg, he is now applying to Ph.D. programs in Industrial/Organizational Psychology and hopes to become a federal agent after receiving a doctorate. Until then, he remains focused on this winter's wrestling program. "We have a really solid line up from top to bottom," he comments on the team. Loesch mentioned speculation of the team winning the Centennial Conference as well as sending a lot of men to nationals. When asked about his personal goal Loesch says, "I just hope I can do well for my one last shot at it all."



Matt Loesch, an academic and athletic leader.

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Strong performances from Track and Field

By Maura Hendsey
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Based on the first two meets of the season, 2007 looks like a promising year for both the Men and Women's Track and Field. On Jan. 12, the teams traveled to nearby Kutztown University, where they competed against both Division III and Division II schools. In their first meet of the season, several Mules had stand-out performances.

On the women's team, several freshmen made outstanding debuts, while the upperclassmen contributed strong performances as well. In the first meet of her college career, Alex Faust '10 won the 400 meters with a time of 61.85 seconds and set a school record in the pole vault with a height of 10 ft, qualifying her for the Eastern College Athletic Conference. Another freshman, Debra Crockett, placed third in the shot-put with a throw of 35-8, which is less than one foot from the school record. According to junior Sara Gearin, "The freshmen have really stepped up and have demonstrated that they are talented and hard-working." Gearin excelled in both of her distance events, winning the 3000 meters with a time of 11:21.60, and anchoring the first place 4x800 relay along with teammates Kathryn Niedzwiecki '09, Stephanie Conicella '07 and Janette Adams '09. Senior Katie Hesselink-Hicks and junior Erika Koop both turned in strong performances in the high jump, each clearing a height of five feet. Koop also jumped 31-6 in the triple jump to claim second place.

For the men's team, junior Dan Steinhart won the 400 meters in 51.86 seconds. Steinhart picked up right where he left off last year, running a time that is only .04 seconds from his personal best. The Mules also had a strong showing in the 3000 meters, with Lex Mercado '07, David Chorney

'09 and Tim Seeley '07 taking third, fourth and fifth places respectively. Senior Captain Matthew Sallese threw 45-3 in the shot put, finishing in third place. With results such as these, it is no surprise that the men's team is excited about what the season has in store. "We have a strong senior squad, with a lot of depth throughout the roster. We're excited to have a successful season," says sophomore Ross Cohen.

On Jan. 19, the track teams traveled to the Orange & Maroon Classic at Susquehanna University, where they shined once again. Faust placed in four events, anchoring both the 4x200 and 4x400 relays. The 4x200 relay team of Amanda Martini '09, Emily Karel '08, Kaitlyn Archibald '10 and Faust qualified for the ECACs with a time of 1:52.68, while the 4x400 team of Kathryn Niedzwiecki '09, Martini, Karel and Faust placed first overall. Crockett won the shot-put with a throw of 36-6, which put her within one inch of the school record. Senior Jacquelyn Inverso had a busy meet, placing in the high jump, triple jump and 55 meter hurdles.

Dan Steinhart won the 400 meters once again, and also anchored the second place 4x400 relay. Chorney set a personal best of 4:28.86 in the mile, five seconds better than his personal best last year, which gave him second place. Sallese set another personal record in the shot put to finish second, while sophomore Evan Sheppard improved his throw by more than two feet. The Mules also received strong individual efforts from Stuart Udis '09 and Seeley, in the 800 meters and 5000 meters respectively. Both the men's and women's teams will be hosting the Muhlenberg Invitational on Fri., Jan. 26.

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ing 2007 better than they had finished 2006. However, the Mules were rudely met with an aggressive Moravian club. Muhlenberg opened up the new year with a tough first half and trailed Moravian by three. However, as the game went on so did the Mules' struggles. Moravian eventually built its lead up to 24 and won the game 80-61. Huber had 14 points in the losing effort.

The Mules put the Moravian game behind them and quickly moved back into conference play taking on the Gettysburg Bullets. This game appeared to be very similar to most games against the Bullets: low scoring and close. It was just a question of which team could execute the best and pull off the victory. Gettysburg had the early lead and continued to control the game early in the second half. However, the Mules continued to chip away. As seconds continued to tick off the clock, the Mules inched closer and closer to the lead, and they took it with 43 seconds remaining off a Chris Macintosh jumper. However, Gettysburg came right back and tied it up again. This sent the game into Overtime, where Senior Chris Pothering hit three three-pointers to give the Mules a 67-64 win. Riggins also had another double with 16 points and 11 rebounds.

With the win at Gettysburg the Mules took their 4-1 conference record to Lancaster to face conference rival Franklin & Marshall. Muhlenberg continued their strong play in the first half trailing the talented Diplomats by only two points at halftime. But the second half saw two extremes as the Mules went cold and the Dips got hot as Franklin & Marshall pulled away to win the game 69-49 shooting 63.6% in the second half.

The Mules returned home to face McDaniel. Muhlenberg shot 5-28 in the first half and entered halftime down by 20. However, Muhlenberg made a push and had the lead down to single digits with 7:58 left in the game. In the end, the Mules could not follow through with the rest of the comeback and would lose 72-50. There was a bright spot though, as Huber scored his 100th career three point field goal.

McDaniel's victory over Muhlenberg would sadly be Head Coach Bob Flynn's last. On Fri., Jan. 12 Bob Flynn died suddenly of a heart attack at the age of 49. Our thoughts and prayers go out to McDaniel and the Flynn family.

The Muhlenberg men then continued their season on Sat., Jan. 13, making the trip to Baltimore to play Johns Hopkins. Muhlenberg struggled to score again and could not stop the best team in the conference. The Mules would trail by as many as 34 and lost 78-58. The Mules were led in scoring by freshman Ryan Foster who had a career high 14 points. At the end of break, Muhlenberg had an overall record of 5-9 and a 4-4 conference record.



Freshman Obi Nwizugbo shoots and scores.

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lost their first game all season to the Green Terror, 70-45. This was the first time that the members of the sophomore class have lost at home and the first home loss in 22 games for the Mules.

The Mules went on the road for the final game over break and faced Johns Hopkins. The Mules bounced back

from their disappointing home loss and stuck close to the Blue Jays, who were up four with 3:51 left in the game. The Mules went on a 9-0 run to close out the game and give them a 50-45 win. Coach Ron Rohn couldn't believe that he had just witnessed a game that saw the opposition shoot just under 21% and yet his team still needed to come from behind to grab the victory. The Mules ended break with a 12-1 record and 7-1 conference record.

Men's Basketball split against Ursinus and Washington

By Mike Hart
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Last year in a must-win game to make the playoffs, the Mules upset the number one team in the conference: the Ursinus Bears. The reigning Centennial Conference champs returned to Allentown looking for revenge, and they started out fierce and fast. However, after the early storm Muhlenberg got right back in the game and would take a 23-22 lead with 6:51 left. The Mules fell apart from that point on.

After going down, Ursinus went 21-0 to finish the half and would start the second half with eight more unanswered points. The Bears would finish the game up 40 points, 89-49, reminiscent of some of last years' scores at home. This time they were on the wrong side of the scoreboard. Sophomore Mike Bernardini led the Mules with 15 points.

After losing to Ursinus and dropping below five hundred in the conference, the Mules traveled to Washington. After last year's playoff loss in Chestertown, the Mules were ready for revenge. The first half was controlled by Washington, but Muhlenberg came out strong in the second half.

A key move to switch to a 2-3 zone in the beginning of the second half got the Mules back into the game and they even took leads at 54-53 and 65-62. However, Washington toughened up and went on a 9-2 run to close out the game and took the victory 71-65. Senior Justin Fields led the Mules in scoring with 16 points. The Mules need to turn things around fast if they hope to make the Centennial Conference playoffs for the second year in a row.

Women's Basketball .500, since classes resumed

By Josh Goldstein
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

As the second day of classes finished up for the 2007 spring semester, the Muhlenberg women retook the court at Memorial Hall hoping to start another winning streak on home turf against the Ursinus Bears. The Mules took an early lead and held onto it throughout the game but were never able to pull away from the Bears. Muhlenberg went up nine almost midway through the first half, but as the half ended Ursinus pulled within two points and would continue to fight back.

In the second half, the Mules once again were able to go up nine, but again the Bears fought back and got within two points. After a missed free-throw by sophomore Lauren Boyle, Ursinus attempted a three, but missed and the rebound was secured by sophomore Kaitlin Strumph who later would hit the second of two free-throws to seal the deal for the Mules with a 63-60 victory.

The Mules were led by Boyles' 17 points, but also got contributions from senior Meghan Courtney who had 15 points and seven rebounds. The

Mules had begun the second semester with a win and would carry their winning-streak into Saturday's game against Washington College.

The Muhlenberg women woke up early and traveled down to Chestertown, Md. to take on the Washington College Shorewomen. Chestertown is a tough environment to play in: the crowd is right on top of you and the acoustics in the gymnasium increase volume and confusion. The Mules, who have been notorious for winning close games, had another close one to pull out against the Shorewomen. Muhlenberg came within one in the final seconds, but were unable to pull off another nail-biter. They fell to the Shorewomen 64-63.

The Mules saw solid contributions from Meghan Courtney '07 with 23 points despite twisting her ankle towards the end of the first half. They also saw 11 assists and eight rebounds from Abra Like '08 and a career high ten rebounds from Strumph. The Mules have a busy schedule coming up, and this tough stretch might really test the young team. However, this is a resilient bunch that seems to pull out victories no matter what situation they face.

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Wrestlers prove strength with big CC wins

By Heather Fox
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The Mules Wrestling team finished first place in the Washington & Lee Invitational Tournament on Sat., Jan. 13, with a team score of 86, 8.5 points ahead of second place Johns Hopkins. Sophomore Billy Hall (133 lbs) and junior Joe Tartar (heavyweight) each won their weight class. This was the College's first tournament title since 1995. Nine out of the ten weight classes had a Mule in the top four. Seniors Michael Tennenhaus (125 lbs) and Matt Loesch (197 lbs), and sophomore Matt Horn (184 lbs.) all took second place. Juniors Joe DeCampo (141 lbs) and David Lavin (165 lbs), and sophomore Justin Fitch (174 lbs.) finished third in each of their respective weight classes, and sophomore Colin Gibson (141 lbs) took fourth. The College took third at the Roger Williams Mid-Winter Classic in early January. The improvement is worth recognition.

The College's Wrestling Team faced its first Centennial Conference match-ups on Sat., Jan. 20. The Mules secured these two crucial victories against Johns Hopkins and Gettysburg. "We had a goal set to win our first two CC match-ups," said sophomore Matt Horn.

The College beat Johns Hopkins 31-18, an impressive victory. A major highlight of the match was the win by sophomore Rob Kein, 6-4, in over-

time. The 141 lb wrestler is now 17-2 this season. But Kein has turned his thoughts to the future and is looking forward to the team's upcoming match against Ursinus "because they are our main competition and we are looking for a victory." Loesch, Tartar and Hall all recorded pins against Hopkins. Loesch pinned his opponent in 1:48, Tartar 2:48 and Hall in 2:54. Joe DeCampo won his bout by a major decision of 13-5.

The duel meet gave the Mules the chance to wrestle Gettysburg that same day. The College clenched their second Centennial Conference win with a victory of 39-15. Freshman Jared Vivacqua (174 lbs) recorded his first career pin in less than one minute. Loesch won his second bout by decision and Tennenhaus took two wins by forfeit. Horn, Tartar, Hall and Kein also recorded wins by pin. Loesch, Tartar, Hall and Kein all went 2-0.

The Wrestling Team arrived back on campus two weeks early for practice and competition. "Our hard work over break prepared us for our CC competitions," commented Lavin. Over the break, the Mules tied NYU 18-18, but fell to Elizabethtown 37-7.

This Saturday the Mules face Stevens and King's Point at Ursinus at 4 p.m.. Co-captain Loesch sounds hopeful about future competition, "The conference is still really strong...but we have an incredible amount of talent, and I couldn't ask for more out of teammates and friends."

Men's Basketball hopes to rebound

By Mike Hart
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

At the end of 2005 Muhlenberg traveled to New Jersey to play The College of New Jersey, and got a good kick in the pants from the school in the New Jersey Athletic Conference. One year later, Muhlenberg wanted revenge and early on they looked like they were going to get it. The Mules had opened up with a 57-40 lead early in the second half and were looking to continue their solid early season play. However, The College of New Jersey came roaring back into the game as they hit a layup at the buzzer, forcing overtime.

The first overtime was controlled by The College of New Jersey, but Muhlenberg's Chris Huber '07 was fouled at the three-point line with less than ten seconds to play. Huber hit all three free throws to tie the game. The second overtime was controlled more by the Mules but The College of New Jersey hit four free throws at the end of the overtime to tie the game up at 96. The Mules went onto play a record tying third overtime. In the third overtime, it was again close but The College of New Jersey pulled away with under a minute to go and won 109-105 in an epic triple overtime thriller.

After the tough game against The College of New Jersey, Muhlenberg played cross-town rival, Desales, in hopes of ending 2006 with a win. The first half saw lead changes and tough play from both teams. However, at halftime Desales had a six point lead. The second half saw the Mules come out strong and go on a 15-4 run before Desales mounted their comeback and took the game 71-63. The Mules received a great effort from Jimmie Riggins '07 who had 23 point and 11 rebounds to record another double double.

The Mules came back to Allentown in hopes of start-

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Freshman Brenna Ferster drives down the court as the Mules continued their winning ways.

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Women almost perfect

By Josh Goldstein
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

On Dec. 16, the Muhlenberg women fought an overtime battle against Susquehanna and won to keep their undefeated start to the season alive. They would remain undefeated for the rest of 2006.

On Jan. 6, the Muhlenberg women, ranked 21st in the nation, returned to action and continued their winning ways, defeating Haverford 76-62. Sophomore Lauren Boyles led the way with 16 points.

The girls took their undefeated record on the road to Conference foe Franklin &

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Marshall. The Mules were locked up in a tight game, but Muhlenberg ended the game with a 16-5 run to win 75-64. They were led once again by Boyles who scored 25 points. They also received help from junior Abra Like who finished with ten points and seven assists.

The girls had an eleven-game winning streak as they returned home to face McDaniel. Muhlenberg held close early and was only down six at halftime, but had one of their worst second halves in a long while and

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GSA sponsors photo exhibit: "100 Same-Sex Couples Facing Inequality"

By Elyse Ettin
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

The Martin Art Gallery in the Baker Center for the Arts has displayed the Pennsylvania Diversity Network (PDN) photo exhibit, "100 Same-Sex Couples: Facing Inequality" since Jan. 16. The exhibit is supported by the College's Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA). Students, faculty and staff can view this photo exhibit from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily. The exhibit will conclude on Feb. 6 with a reception sponsored by the Martin Art Gallery and the Multicultural Center held from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the galleria area of the Baker Center for the Arts. The exhibit has previously been displayed in the Theatre Outlet, Metropolitan Community Church, Air Products and

Northampton Community College.

The photo exhibit features photographs of 130 same-sex couples from Pennsylvania, 90 percent of which are from the Lehigh Valley. Some couples featured in the exhibit are

The more people who are able to put a physical face to the politics of a loving, committed, gay relationship, the less power homophobia will have in limiting the rights of gay partners."

Adrian Shanker '09

employees of Muhlenberg College. Listed with each photograph is the number of years the couple has been together, occupations of

each individual and how many children they have. Many of the featured couples have been together for at least 20 years. The purpose of the exhibit is to illustrate that these same-sex lesbian or gay couples in Pennsylvania are being denied the rights that come with heterosexual marriages. The photos will remind viewers of the discrimination and inequality that the gay community will endure if proposed anti-same-sex relationship amendments to both the State and Federal Constitutions are passed.

Liz Bradbury, PDN coordinator and photographer, has been working on this photo exhibit since February 2006 when she heard Lynn Swann, candidate for governor, say, "Two

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Sexposure: Coming to a freshman dorm near you

By Dan Orlow
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Over the course of this past year, students may have heard the name of a new student group on campus called "Sexposure." Sexposure is a AIDS Peer Education program with members dedicated to raise awareness about sexual health issues, including STDs/STIs (Sexually Transmitted Diseases / Sexually Transmitted Infections) and HIV/AIDS.

The idea for an AIDS Peer Education program at the College started when student volunteers trained as HIV/STD Counselors at The Caring Place Family Health Clinic were not having opportunities to work with patients getting tested for HIV/STDs. Valerie Lane, Director of Community Service, Brynnmarie Dorsey, Director of Student Health Services, merged their services and ideas and created the AIDS Peer Education program. They contacted the HIV/STD Counselors as well as students who showed interest in sexual health. Students decided this will be very beneficial for the Student Body and brought this program to the College's Campus.

The new group took on the name Sexposure, and were trained by two nurses Lehigh University, which was a great advantage Sexposure, as the AIDS Peer Education Group at Lehigh is currently flourishing and has become quite well-known throughout the whole campus for its level of expertise.

Sexposure has not yet presented their workshop

yet because they are still going through the beginning stages of developing their program. However, the group is planning a series of educational wellness programs focused for first-year students. The presentations include different activities, such as relaying useful facts in exciting ways, such as fun games with even better prizes. "Education is the key to increase awareness as well as prevention among young college students," said Beth Schwartz '08, an original member of the group. Along with Schwartz, there are four other original members, Kristen Gialo '07, Rachel Goldstein '07, Justine Newman '07 and Jenna Piccininni '10. They call themselves "original members" because more members have joined recently, as the group may now be as popular as Lehigh's. Once ten to fifteen more students show interest in joining Sexposure, another training session will be administered by the College's Health Center and the current members of Sexposure. "It's very important to get more people involved," said Schwartz. "Out of the 2200 students at Muhlenberg, it is important and very do-able that we increase our numbers."

Karen Green, Dean of Students and Vice President of Student Affairs said, "I am excited that students are giving with their time and energy in order to be involved in a peer education endeavor. To have students partnering with the Health Center to do education about many topics, in addition to sex and AIDS, is a win-win for Muhlenberg."



The Gay-Straight Alliance sponsors a photo exhibit portraying same-sex relationships.

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A beautiful campus both inside and out

While in the office late one production night, a little bird managed to perk us up with some interesting news. Collegeprowler.com gave the College an A- hotness factor when compared to 200 colleges. On the one hand, we can not help but say, "Way to go 'berg! You're looking so fine!" But on the other, who actually chooses their college on the attractiveness of its students? Yes, looks are something most perspective students tend to notice on their tours rather than the number of volumes in the library or student to teacher ratios, but hopefully most people enrolled at the 'berg for its scholastic excellence rather for shallower reasons.

Looks change, as most college students who are exposed to beer and wings can tell you. The freshmen fifteen and overall college bulge, is ultimately inevitable. Students try to take care of themselves as much as they have time for—the gym seems to be busy at all hours of the day—but more importantly we take care of each other, indicating that 'berg students possess something that is more than just skin deep. As cliché as its sounds "the beauty lies within" and as one of our editors said, "Check out any Disney movie for more information." *Shrek*, for example, depicts a beastly yet humble ogre who chooses to remain as he is rather than transform into a handsome hunk to teach children (and subsequently anyone who enjoys a good cartoon or two) about accepting oneself and appreciating one's inner magnificence. This campus, though criticized for its clone-like pretty, preppy exterior, flaunting girls in heels and guys in polo shirts, has a diversity and beauty of soul. Collegeprowler.com also mentions, "The campus is diverse...when looking at the types of people...when you realize that our top two majors are probably theater and pre-med, you can imagine how different the students are. There are also a lot of religious differences." Include the varying ages of students from the Wescoe School, and Collegeprowler.com hits the nail on the head: the College has a happy balance between diversity and commonality, external and internal "hotness." While our interests, passions and achievements may cover a broad spectrum, our A- beauty isn't only on the outside—it also lies within.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Wouldn't it be great if we lived in a world where everyone was honest, took responsibility for their actions and did not play the blame game? Currently, we do not have regulations holding our elected officials in Student Council to their word.

Like true politicians, these elected officials in Student Council can talk a lot, but do not adequately represent the Student Body with their actions. Students should be concerned that progress is not being made by the people whom they have elected.

There are some members making a difference, however, their voices are too soft to be heard by these loud apathetic students. It is your duty in the next election to vote for people, not just your friends, whom you believe will best suit your needs.

Focus on your own class. Class of '07 – woo hoo senior pub night. Is that it? Class of '08 – wow, we really enjoyed the repetitive sales of t-shirts. Class of '09 – what was going on with that Boom Boom Room? Class of '10 – please do not follow your elders.

A few words to remember when you go to the polls: Remember you are electing students to represent you. Ask yourself, am I truly being represented or are you second to someone's agenda? Keep in mind there are still few effective representatives currently in the system. I have been to several meetings and have felt like an outsider to an elitist social group. Ask questions and come to your own conclusions. Change must happen. Lead the way.

David Dolan '07

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To the Editor:

I am writing in response to Emily Schweighardt's letter to the editor from Jan. 25 on not being permitted to fax her resume from the Career Center for an internship. The Career Center is a student-centered office; I can sympathize with her frustration and agree that faxing should be available to students. Once I learned Emily's name from her letter, I contacted her and we had a pleasant conversation during which I apologized to her for the inconvenience.

Since I became Career Center Director last spring, we have updated many procedures and policies to make our services more user-friendly. The former fax policy was put into place when faxing was common, and could have resulted in a major backlog at the fax machine. This led to a practice of only faxing for students who were working with the office. A new fax policy was something we had not fully addressed yet, as a request to fax materials rarely comes up. After the incident occurred, I discussed the matter with the Directors of the departments with whom we share the copier/printer/fax machine and a change in policy was already in progress when the letter was published. We are happy to review and fax career-related items for students such as resumes, job applications and graduate school materials.

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Kellie Provost-Brown
Director of The Career Center

Responsibility: Is it in you?

Resume faxing is now possible

Plenty to look for in 2008



World News & Politics

Joe Caporoso
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

Despite the Presidential Election being nearly two years away, there has been a recent surge in media coverage on the topic. The reasons for this are the high profile and unique candidates from both parties, who promise to make this race one of the most historic elections in our recent memory. An early look at the main competitors for the job show politicians from a wide range of backgrounds, each with their own strong suits and of course, with their own downfalls.

As a liberal Democrat, I am surprisingly impressed with the two main candidates likely to battle for the Republican bid. John McCain is a hard man not to respect due to his well documented military service background and his desire to break party lines to vote for what he believes in.

His concern for the environment, and his work with liberal senator Ted Kennedy on immigration acts have been at odds with the Bush administration. Also his work to limit torture against our prisoners of war has been highly publicized and been a refreshing voice of reason to come out of his political party.

Republican Rudy Giuliani, who in recent polls has been the most popular pick to run for the GOP. Everybody knows he can handle crisis well as exemplified by his actions on Sept. 11th. Beyond that, he is pro-choice, supports same-sex civil unions and embryonic stem cell research, putting

him at odds with the far-right wing members of his party.

On the Democrat's side the candidate who has grabbed the most recent headlines is Hillary Clinton, who is certainly no stranger to the White House. Clinton's economic policy focuses on cutting into our growing national debt, helping to balance the growing divide between rich and poor and working towards universal health care. On foreign policy, she has been a little inconsistent with her stance on the Iraq War, but many senators have as well. She is fairly liberal when it comes to domestic issues, but not radically liberal as she is sometimes stereotyped to be.

Barack Obama has been a popular name mentioned to run for President ever since his stirring keynote address at the 2004 Democratic National Convention. He is an admired politician because of his wide appeal as an 'everyman', and his talents of reaching out to a diverse audience of people through his writing and speaking. Obama's comments on the war with Iraq have been consistent and very sensible, as well as his views on other foreign policy issues. Domestically, he stands on very similar ground to Senator Clinton, which means many of their debates, could focus on experience and foreign policy.

These four candidates all have their positive traits and seem to be the frontrunners for their respective parties, although John Edwards isn't out of the question for the Democrats. However, opponents of these candidates will be sure to point out the negatives attached to these political figures. McCain's age and conservative stance on certain issues which put him in line with President Bush will be used against him. Giuliani will lack support from the more conservative members of the Republican Party. Clinton and Obama have to overcome being the first woman or African-American to be in the White House. Beyond that, Obama will certainly be criticized for his lack of experience in government.

Regardless, the oncoming primaries and Presidential Election should be vastly entertaining and potentially groundbreaking.

Congress has changed, but not our responsibilities

By Kyle Miller
WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

Many students may not be aware of a recent speech by President Bush that received a positive rating by 78% of viewers (CNN/ORC-

Gallup). However, as one who watched President Bush's successful State of the Union speech, it was clear to see that there were many issues of great personal interest and importance to our nation. This was also the first time that the President faced a congress composed of a Democratic majority. With this in mind, he argued that "Congress has changed, but not our responsibilities."

Among those responsibilities is the challenge to keep our economy moving said Bush, "not with more government but with more enterprise." He cited the fact that our economy was in its 41st month of uninterrupted job growth with 7.2 million new jobs. However, at least three important reforms face the new congress, these include: balancing the federal budget, reforming earmarks and taking on the challenge of entitlements.

Another responsibility to our nation, which was also one of the major disappointments of the last congress, is immigration reform. Currently, America's borders are not secure and the problems associated with illegal immigration are burdening our government and society. The President proposed a temporary worker program, because many illegal immigrants participate in an important and necessary component of our economy. Rightly, the president urged congress to resolve this issue "without animosity and without amnesty." Any solution to this issue must retain the American tradition of the melting pot and the hope which freedom and opportunity project throughout the world.

The President proposed and reintroduced solutions to help alleviate the growing burden of healthcare. These include Health Savings Accounts, Association Health Plans to help small businesses and medical liability reform to reduce "junk lawsuits." However, it is important to remember "the best health care decisions are made not by government and insurance companies, but by patients and their doctors."

One of the most promising and important opportunities for the 110th congress is the future of Energy policy. The President proposed to reduce gasoline usage in the United States by 20 percent in the next

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Coming to grips with the facts of life

By Max Lux
WEEKLY OP/ED COLUMNIST

I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but, well, your parents are going to die. My parents are going to die, as well. Hell, all of our parents are going to die; It's a terrible but true fact of life. Also, it is a topic rarely touched upon by our generation aside from the most immediate and unfortunate of occasions.

So why bring it up? Why instigate a line of thoroughly negative and wholly depressing thinking that will surely dampen the otherwise jubilant throes of your daily collegiate frivolity? I do so because to consider the mortality of one's progenitors brings a certain amount of

clarity and purpose to one's own life.

If, like me, your parents were instrumental and present for the majority, if not entirety, of your upbringing, than undoubtedly a level of imprinting has taken place in the form of a seemingly unbreakable familial bond. You may notice striking similarities in the personalities of yourself and your parents, even physical resemblances—not to mention the incomparable level of history and memories your share with them.

Chances are, few individuals can ever hope to match the level of intuitive understanding and intimate knowledge we share with those who birthed and

raised us, and the possibility of that bond being lost is truly devastating and almost insurmountable. Our parents are our last and most unbreakable line of defense: their experience and nurturing offers solutions to even

The Devil You Know

the most impossible of problems. The love you share with them is the most pure and everlasting you will ever experience. And yet, they are, inevitably, going to die.

What can you do when presented with this information? How could you even

begin to comprehend and cope with the demise of your first, your best, your most beloved of friends? Surely there will be a loss of self, a feeling that your parents have defined part of your being, your sense of self, and with their loss, that piece may seem forever lost.

Hopefully this won't happen for many, many years to come, and the decades to come will be filled with wonderful and lasting memories. However, it is best to begin the journey of self-affirmation and separation as soon as possible, not only to offset the inevitable questioning of identity, but also to grow as your own individual and prepare for your independ-

ent future.

This is not an avocation to call your family and say goodbye, or any associated idiocy, merely a suggestion to think about the uncertainty of the future. We are mortal, all of us, the thread that holds us to this world tenuous and frail.

To make the most of our existences, our short periods of time as residents of the corporeal plain, we must recognize the impermanence of everything around us -- our primary concerns are the development of ourselves as individuals, not allowing the rapidly disintegrating universe to dictate our thoughts or actions to any totality. After all, we've all been dying since the day we've been born.

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10 years. Another important component of his initiative includes furthering the development and implementation of alternative fuels such as: ethanol, hydrogen, advanced batteries, plug-in hybrid technology, solar, wind, clean coal and biodiesel fuel. Hopefully, Congress can come together to pass the President's initiatives, while not only are they important environmentally, they are also vital to our national security interests.

Addressing the greatest commitment and responsibility weighing on the national conscience, the president provided further explanation on 'the way forward' in Iraq. He discussed Iraq's role in the broader War on Terror, and asked congress and the American people to "support our troops in the field, and those on their way." As the President mentioned, although this fight is not the one we entered in Iraq, gaining control of the situation now will prevent chaos from erupting in the region. Failure in Iraq is not an option. To ensure this, and to bring our troops home as soon as possible, Congress should support the President's plan, but hold him and the Iraqi government to the benchmarks set forth for progress. Not doing so will likely demand greater American sacrifice in the future.

The Democratic response to the State of the Union was somewhat encouraging on the domestic front; however, in foreign policy it lacked any substantial change from rhetoric to constructive ideas. Despite dissenting opinions, the State of our Union is strong, and "our cause in the world is right." The challenges of the responsibilities facing Congress and the President are great. Hopefully they can work together to solve these issues for a stronger union.

Q.

A Father and a son get into a car accident and the son is injured. While the father is waiting at the hospital, the doctor comes out and says "I'm sorry but I can't operate on this patient; He is my son". How is this possible?

Issues of gender inequality, many types of discrimination, as well as many other important issues and causes that affect our college still need to be discussed. Let's not leave things unsaid.

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A. The doctor is the boy's mother.



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Walk this way and find a cause for cancer

By Sara Horowitz
NEWS EDITOR

On Sun., April 29, the College will host its third annual Relay for Life. The American Cancer Society began Relay For Life in Tacoma, Wa. in 1986. Dr. Gordy Klatt, a surgeon, wanted to raise money for the local American Cancer Society office and decided to do so by running marathons. Throughout the year, friends, family and patients of Dr. Klatt paid \$25 to join him run around the track. Eventually, he organized a committee to plan the first Relay for Life event. Now, the event takes place all over the country. At the College, Relay for Life is a 12-hour marathon where teams are formed with about 8-15 people making up each team. Members pay ten dollars to sign up and either walk or run around the track for those 12 hours.

Relay for Life was started at the College in January of 2005. Amy Bornholdt '06 along with Tracy Yusko '08 formed Colleges Against Cancer (CAC) which is dedicated to spreading cancer awareness, instilling advocacy efforts on campus, and also fundraising for the American Cancer Society. The group does a ton of different fundraisers throughout the year including "Carnations for a Cure" which happens right around Valentine's Day. Jessica Cortapasso '07 and Allie Schnall '08, were co-chairs of Relay for Life in the Spring of that year. "We made about \$10,000 that first year, and also sparked other colleges in the area to begin doing Relays of their own," said Schnall.

The second annual Relay tripled the previous year's fundraising with a grand total of \$33,437.94. As a result, the College was the number one college Relay in the Lehigh Valley. Schnall, who acted as both

President of CAC and co-chair for Relay for Life that year, said that year there were "over 400 participants making up 43 teams, which was amazing because not many Muhlenberg events bring out 20 percent of the student body. It just goes to show how much cancer affects us all." Alex Corgan '08, Vice President of CAC also co-chaired the event with Schnall.

Just like last year there will be a number of student bands, acapella groups and dance teams performing. The dunk tank, which featured faculty members such as President Helm and various students will also be back by popular demand. Sarah Albertelli '09 and Mark Wiseman '09 are in charge of entertainment. According to Schnall, some ideas are still floating around in terms of entertainment for the day including "the possibility of some 'casino night' games, wacky laps around the track, team competitions, team banner laps, etc." These details will be figured out within the next few weeks. Schnall wants "Relay to not only be an amazing fundraiser and a meaningful way to celebrate survivors/remember those lost to cancer, but also a fun campus event that people look forward to participating in."

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Similarly to last years event, teams are encouraged to make up team names, shirts and banners accordingly, so teams can get more involved and hyped-up about the day's events. This year, however, the theme is "Pirates of the CUREibbean." Schnall says CAC chose this theme "in an effort to force cancer to 'walk the plank.' The theme will be incorporated into the entertainment, decorations and other planned activities for the day.

Last year, four cancer survivors, a

member of the College community, two mothers of students and a grandmother of a student, walked a lap around the track, to commence the days events. This Survivor Lap will be repeated this year because according to Schnall, "A large part of Relay is about the celebration of survivors and the hope they represent." She is hoping that many survivors participate in this year's event.

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Allie Schnall '08

Schnall says, "Our goal for this year is to raise \$50,000. That is not an unreasonable goal given the past success of Relay. I mean, if everyone in the entire school raised \$100 each, we would have about \$200,000 raised...so really, we should raise even more than \$50,000!" Faculty, staff, administrators, alumni, families and of course, students can all sign up or help fundraise.

Teams who register ahead of time (by the end of Feb) will receive a 'Berg Relay for Life wristband, which are similar to the Yellow LiveStrong bands that Lance Armstrong created. Teams who raise \$25 will also receive a free Relay For Life t-shirt. Team captains will learn more about incentive prizes as the event date approaches. Schnall hopes that even more people come out this year to support this event.

Schnall says, "Tom Harper, our staff partner at the American Cancer Society (ACS), always says that the goal of all of our efforts is that one day there will be no Relay; that there will not even be an ACS." The ultimate goal is that all of the fundraising, advocacy and education of cancer issues will wipe out the need to continue fundraising because cancer will be eliminated. Schnall continues, "But until that day, we will keep relaying."



At last year's Relay for Life, the day began with the Survivor Lap.

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Answer to Sudoku

Sudoku

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GSA

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men together? That's not okay, we have to get that in the Constitution..." in reference to same-sex relationships.

Bradbury said, "He [Swann], and many other people don't realize that we're here. We've been around forever and we're not going away even though we are discriminated against everyday, because we cannot be legally married in this country. In every venue we've exhibited these photos, viewers have recognized people they know and learned how these friends,

neighbors, and colleagues have to endure the lack of civil rights that the rest of the population takes for granted." Starting on Feb. 17, Civil Union will be granted to same-sex couples in New Jersey. However, Pennsylvania will still fail to have legal recognition of same-sex couples.

Adrian Shanker '09, co-president of GSA at the College said, "The Muhlenberg GSA is proud to support this exhibit. The more people who are able to put a physical face to the politics of a loving, committed, gay relationship, the less power homophobia will have in limiting the rights of

gay partners."

Anita Kelly, Director of Counseling Services and Director of Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual, and Transgender People (GLBT) said, "The exhibit is an opportunity for individuals to put a face with the gay men and lesbians in our community who are directly affected by our laws that prohibit equality in marriage. The photo exhibit is an opportunity to see that these are normal individuals who are being denied a civil, decent human right."



Bradbury said that she hopes to add 70 more couples to this photo exhibit by next February.



The photos on display, like the two shown here, feature same-sex couples and their families.

PHOTO BY JEN SHERLOCK

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Snow Showers	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
High: 37 Low: 19	High: 29 Low: 14	High: 23 Low: 13

OFF CAMPUS

Hot Dog Rodeo gets vicious in Pa.

Richard Kresley III of Alburtis, Pa. is now on probation for organizing and judging a "hot-dog" rodeo. The rodeo is a competition involving releasing wild hogs into a large pen and then releasing dogs to chase and catch them. The dogs viciously lock their jaws onto the wild hogs, and they do not release their grasp until commanded to by their human handlers.

Kresley was identified as Vice-President of the International Catchdog Association. Proponents for the "hot-dog" rodeo argue that the rodeos help train the dogs for wild hog hunting. These events are described by the Humane Society of the United States as, "gruesome animal cruelty" that mutilate feral hogs and can also injure dogs.

Program helps kids avoid juvenile record

A 12 year-old student went before a community justice panel where her punishment for writing on the bathroom stall at her school was to pay \$39.54 in restitution to the Whitehall-Coplay Middle School, interview a janitor and write a 250-word essay about the job and do ten hours of community service at an animal shelter or two chores a day at home.

The juvenile hearing Wednesday night wasn't before a judge or lawyer. It wasn't held in a courtroom. Lehigh County's community justice panel project allows one-time criminal offenders to go through this panel in order to avoid a juvenile record. So far, 970 juveniles, aged 10-18 have avoided having a juvenile record because of this program.

Courtesy of The Morning Call

The Theory and Art of Magic: Las Vegas

By Sarah Smith
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

As a part of The Theory and Art of Magic program, a trip to Las Vegas over Spring Break has been planned through the Office of Alumni Relations and Larry Hass, Professor of Philosophy and founding father of the bi-annual program established in 1999.

"The program has been tremendously received with incredible popularity. The program is open to everyone and draws unique and diverse audiences composed of staff, students, faculty, professional and amateur magicians," said Hass.

As of right now, 22 people have registered for the trip. The program fee is \$450, which includes a 3-day magic program hosted by Hass, featuring top magicians such as Jeff McBride, Eugene Burger, Mac King, and Penn & Teller, daily lunch and snacks, a farewell dinner, and tickets to a premiere Las Vegas Show. In addition, many of these world-class magicians will be giving talks on the philosophy of their magic and why they do it, presentations and private shows.

Hotel accommodations are not included in this price, but run at the group rate of \$70 per room, per night, single or double occupancy at

The Orleans Hotel & Casino. The hotel promises to be its own memorable experience with a 70-lane bowling center, nine restaurants, a 18-screen movie theater and over 140,000 square feet of casino.

The new partnership with Alumni relations and premiere Las Vegas brainchild is the result of swelling alumni interest to extend the program. Since the program was founded in 1999, many former College students have been able to partake in its series and repeatedly come back for more. To meet this continuing and growing interest, plans have been laid for The Theory and Art of Magic program to become an annual series.

"The reason for moving the program to an annual basis is to meet the growing interest in its series as well as to spread out its huge nature," said Hass.

On the same note, Majorie Hass, Provost and Professor of Philosophy, said, "We want to make it annual to make it less of a huge production. It can be overwhelming."

In addition to the 22 already registered, Traci Falco, Director of Development and Alumni Relations, and Larry and Marjorie Hass will be present on the trip. "We are always delighted when faculty like to participate in events such as these. As Provost, I am pleased that Larry is giving up his Spring Break to go on this trip. As his wife, I am very pleased to be going along."

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Larry Hass,
Professor of Philosophy

The Theory and Art of Magic Las Vegas takes place March 5-8. For more information, brochures or to register, call the Office of Alumni Relations.

Matt Roesler '08, went on a previous Alternative Spring Break Trip with Habitat for Humanity. He said the trip "took eight students and one faculty member to Macon, Ga. last spring break to participate in a habitat build. Together, we worked to build a house in the historic district, one of the nicest houses the Georgia habitat has built. This trip was a great experience where we all learned to work together and were able to really help the Macon area. The whole

town was extremely receptive to us and we ate and met with many nice and interesting people over the week."

Jason Knox '09, member of the Christian group, Students Exploring Very Exciting News (S.E.V.E.N.), organized the Alternative Spring Break trip to Mexico. The group received fundraising primarily through dorm-storming where they sold candy to members of the College community. They also received funding from various church groups and by shoveling snow.

For the past two years, the group traveling to Mexico has been working to build a school, every year getting closer to their goal of providing the community with a brand new educational facility.

While students are not busy building the school, they played with the children in the neighborhood. Students going this year have been sponsoring a child who will eventually be attending the school upon its completion. The students will get the opportunity to meet the child they sponsored.

Knox said, "It was an extremely rewarding experience. [This school] is simply the best thing that's happened to this whole community at large."

Campus Safety Notes

Jan. 23 - Larceny/Theft - A wallet was stolen from a green iPod case in the Life Sports Center. The wallet was turned in at the Seegers Union Information desk, minus the \$20 cash and \$40 in foreign currency.

Jan. 23 - Larceny/Theft - A student's bicycle was taken from the back door entrance of Ettinger Hall.

Jan. 23 - Injured Student - A student had an ankle injury in Trexler Pavilion. She refused medical care.

Jan. 24 - Institutional Vandalism - Someone removed three out of the four screws on a door to a toilet stall in the first floor men's bathroom in Prosser Hall.

Jan. 24 - Larceny/Theft - A frame barricade that was rented from a company called Whiting Turner

was missing from the new dorms on 22nd and Chew Streets.

Jan. 24 - Injured Student - A student living on the third floor of Brown Hall reported severe back pain. She was transported to St. Luke's Hospital by Allentown EMS.

Jan. 24 - Injured Student - A student living on the third floor of Walz Hall injured an arm as a result of striking an elbow on a circuit breaker. Muhlenberg College EMS transported the student to St. Luke's Hospital.

Jan. 25 - Safety Hazard - A student reported that he smelled natural gasoline in front of the Phi Kappa Tau House, but not inside the building. The fire department could not locate a problem.

Jan. 25 - Injured Student -

At 2152 Chew Street, a student cut her finger and had lacerations large enough to have one to two stitches. The student was transported by a friend to St. Luke's Emergency Room.

Jan. 26 - Injured Visitor - An outside vendor hit his head on the deli counter in General's Quarters. He was transported to the Lehigh Valley Hospital on 17th and Chew Streets.

Jan. 26 - Injured Student - A student living on the third floor of South Hall received a burn on her hand from spilled hot grease. She was transported by MCEMS to St. Luke's Hospital.

Jan. 28 - Disorderly Conduct - A non-student who was visiting a student was found intoxicated and urinating in the third floor of Martin Luther Hall. The individual was cited for public drunkenness and

disorderly conduct.

Jan. 28 - Institutional Vandalism - A window was smashed in the stairwell at the east end of the second floor of Martin Luther Hall. The window was replaced.

Jan. 28 - Motor Vehicle Accident - A student hit another student's car in front of 432 N. 22nd Street.

Jan. 28 - Larceny/Theft - A student reported that someone entered his/her room when the door was left unlocked and stole \$60 from his/her wallet.

Jan. 29 - Larceny/Theft - A banner was missing from the Communication Department. It was found on the upper level of Seegers Union by the Great Room.

Jan. 29 - Harassment by Communication - Two female students living on the first floor of Benfer Hall

received calls on both of their cell phones and their college extensions from someone identifying himself as living in Martin Luther Hall. The two victims were advised to change their telephone numbers.

Jan. 29 - Suspicious Person - A victim was approached by a light-skinned Black male in his late teens or early twenties who was walking toward the Center for the Arts. The victim was asked inappropriate, personal questions. The man told the victim that he worked in Seegers Union, but she had never noticed him on campus before. Campus Safety is attempting to identify the individual.

Jan. 30 - Injured Employee - A Seegers Union employee tripped while walking out the door. The employee suffered pain in his/her right arm, but refused treatment at the hospital.



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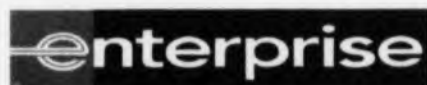
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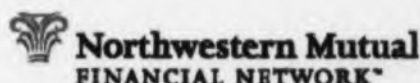
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"Happiness, that grand mistress of the ceremonies in the dance of life, impels us through all its mazes and meanderings, but leads none of us by the same route."

- Charles Caleb Colton

Amze Emmons: Recent Work **The Art is in the Details**

By Kim O'Brien
ASST. **LIFE!** EDITOR

Those looking for thought-provoking art need not look any further than the College's Martin Art Gallery. Until March 2, the gallery will be featuring *Amze Emmons: Recent Work*, featuring the art of Professor of Art Amze Emmons, Assistant. The exhibit is an accumulation of work that Emmons has been preparing for about a year and a half, with inspiration channeling from media images found in *The New York Times*.

In his exhibit catalog, Emmons emphasizes that it isn't the news events that he is inspired to depict, but the images of these events: *Details taken from small, black and white photos, depicting the smoking shells of bombed buildings, the wreckage left after receding flood waters in New Orleans, tsunami mangled villages, car bombings, and troop movements on the streets of Baghdad.*

Emmons presents these images to us with a combination of drawing, print and painting. Many pieces are

done with a variety of mediums: graphite, gouache, acrylic, colored pencil and intaglio with screen-print. Emmons' boldly colored sketches are often placed in minimalist landscapes or against atypically-colored skies. The result is an eye-catching series of images that makes you look – and think – twice about the titles of the work. Images such as "Fear of Thunder" and "After Taste" place carefully constructed sketches and forms against landscapes littered with small fragments of rock and material. Many of the works evoke a sort of abandoned quality; these are sites that have experienced past disaster, but have not yet picked up the shards and tatters from the event.

"It wasn't the events that I was responding to; it was the imagery of the events in the media. There has always been war, strife and natural disasters, but what I'm interested in is figuring out what it means to live in a world where we are bombarded with more images of those horrors than ever before in history, and the numbing effect that has on our col-

lective senses," stated Emmons.

Emmons' exhibit is sure to suit a range of artistic tastes. "I am inspired by too many artists to name," said Emmons. "To take the time to make a work of art in the world we live in is a pretty inspiring thing to do." His frequent depiction of boxes, crates and minimalist buildings bring a very industrial feel to the work. Precise sketches look like they could be blueprints for an architect.

The bold colors and comic-book like feel of some pieces is reminiscent of 1950s pop-art images. And titles like "Insurgent Site" and "Nostalgia for What the Future Used to Be" garner much political opinion, though he noted, "My work is not intended to be political in the sense that it speaks about political issues. I am more interested in trying to understand larger cultural systems that affect the way we think."

Describing the process behind creating his art, Emmons stated that "There is definitely not a formula for making art, but my work does

have a progression or order." The first step is research, a "painstaking background and collection of source material." Next is drawing and redrawing, "trying to find the forms." The final step, he humorously added, "...is trying to fix the terrible mess I've made in steps one and two." The time it takes to create each piece varies, and Emmons often works on five or six pieces at once. "Some happen fairly quickly over a few intense days but most take about a month."

When viewing the exhibit, Emmons stresses that viewers stop and think about the art in front of them. "I read recently that the average museum viewer looks at a work of art for less than seven seconds. We consume visual information of any type quickly and forgetfully."

Emmons' art – though drawn in a style of "minimal realism" – asks the viewer to stop and dwell on the images they see, not quickly absorb and discard them. "I am attempting to draw inspiration from the everyday disasters that most of us no longer see."



Amze Emmons: Recent Work is on display in the Martin Art Gallery until March 2, 2007.

PHOTO BY KIM O'BRIEN

Age ain't nothing but a number

By Lily Hatfield
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNIST

I have often discussed social rules of the College: treating people right, not puking on someone's floor and refraining from stealing anything from the room of a hook-up, no matter how highly the item is coveted. These rules don't just apply to the College, in fact, our dating world is very carefully regulated by a so-called rule book of acceptable romantic behavior. When one of these rules is challenged, you are going against years and maybe even centuries of proper social-sexual activity. One of these rules has come up a lot in the last few weeks of school and I wanted to examine it from both sides: the AGE rule.

As a rule, college women are supposed to date men who are older than themselves. A man being a few months younger is acceptable as long as he is in your

same grade or really hot. For college guys, the line is clearly drawn with the high school mark.

But what about a senior woman hooking-up with and possibly even dating a freshman or sophomore man? I believe the male friends of the guy would be hooting and hollering, cheering on their boy who made it with a woman three years older than himself.

But what about the woman? There is a serious stigma against dating younger men here on campus. When new guys are at a party, visiting for the night, I often find myself asking them how old they are. I am 22 and am pretty open-minded as long as the guy is in college. But I feel I am an exception to the general attitude of the female population.

To some women, the idea of being with a

younger man can bring forth many confusing emotions such as doubt about their ability to catch a guy your own age. A woman questions, "Will this younger man know what to do with my equipment or even his own? What will others say about it?" A

friend of mine hooked-up with a young man of questionable age, who turned out to be a freshman from another college. We referred to him as a 12-year-old.

Personally, I say, "So what?" If you are feeling each other, and you want to get your groove on, go for it. Most of the bad stigma comes from people caring too much about what others think of them. If you are a senior woman and your boyfriend is a sophomore or freshman, it does not mean that you can't get older guys; maybe you have just been around the block and realized that

"older" or "your grade" just weren't what you were looking for. Maybe you realized that a lot of 21 and 22 year-olds act like they are five.

Please do not misunderstand what I am saying. I love the senior class guys. I have gotten to know some of them very well and yes, they are fabulous people. But there are also some fabulous younger men out there who are just itching to find an older, more experienced woman to really show them what college is all about.

The only downsides I can see to dating a younger man are as follows: You can't go to bars together and what if you are graduating in four months? If things bloom and you find yourself in the best relationship you have ever experienced, you are going to have to make some serious decisions in May regarding your relation-

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK: WHAT CELEBRITY WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE AT MUHLENBERG?



"McDreamy...because he's McDreamy."
- Erica Green '07, Ali Silver '07 and Megan Prima '07



"Dustin Hoffman, because I could sit next to him at graduation."
- Dan Hoffman '08



"Without question, I would have to say... Icelandic singer/song-writer Björk Gumundsdóttir."
Adam Hirsh '09



"Macauley Culkin. I'd like to see him in our theater."
- Mark Miller '10



"Paris Hilton...she'd fit right in!"
- Karen Cunningham, ORS Office Extraordinaire

Compiled by Kim Nguyen

AMC Weekend Listings



Smokin' Aces

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 10:00
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 10:00
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

The Pursuit of Happyness

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Freedom Writers

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

Night at the Museum

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Epic Movie

Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:00
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Dreamgirls

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Trexler Library is a great place for inspiration

By Joyce Hommel
LIBRARY DIRECTOR

The definition of the word inspiration reads as follows: *The action of inspiring; the fact or condition of being inspired (in sense 4 or 5 of INSPIRE v.); a breathing or infusion into the mind or soul.* (Oxford English Dictionary)

Classes have started and with them the beginning of the real winter weather. It is a great time to cuddle up on the couch, play a video game, watch the Super Bowl and hang out with friends. Add to this some warm Chai tea or a big bowl of chili and you have the makings of a great winter afternoon.

Everyone feels this way. Whether it is a favorite movie, a great book, or just an afternoon hanging out with friends, winter is a time when each of us finds our own way to hibernate.

But wait...there are still classes to attend, papers to be written, and ideas to be formed. If there is one thing a library can help with it is inspiration. When the ideas won't form, or you can't figure out how to come up with a solid theme for your paper, the librarians at Trexler can help.

It may start out as a quick question, but with creativity and a wider variety of resources you can embellish any paper from two pages to 20 with interesting information, solid theme development and colorful passages to make even the dullest topic fascinating.

Oh, and did I mention accuracy? At the library you can find resources that will not only back your points, but will also help you discern the accurate from the inaccurate from your latest Google search! Information comes in a lot of forms as well. Images, sound, DVDs, weblinks and more can take the dullest presentations and make them something special.

At Trexler, the variety of resources is as vast as your imagination, and we can help you find ways to incorporate them in papers, PowerPoints and podcasts. We know it is not just about finding a bunch of facts and figures; it is about telling the story that makes your argument convincing.

What about the movie? What about the hanging out on the couch? The couch, movie and a great novel or two are things we can help with. Between the terraces and the Muhlenberg Room you are sure to find a couch where you can layout your ideas (learning can be messy sometimes) and talk them over with a friend.

If you need a great novel to escape the winter chills, plan a little D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything And Read) time with one of the New York Times Bestsellers available for checkout in the Muhlenberg Room. If you need a movie, visit the AV Alcove for a classic film noir, an interesting foreign film or a light comedy.

So, stop by Trexler for a little inspiration on your next hibernation day--before the winter papers start interrupting your winter pleasures.

Scott Celani performance too much for Seegers' Lobby

By Rebecca Unger
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Scott Celani, a musician who performed in Seegers' Lobby, offered a Friday night alternative for those who wished to stay on campus. Together with a three-person band, he performed a setlist of mostly original pop-rock songs from his two CD releases, "Them Apples" (2002) and "Saturday" (2004).

Celani had an impressive voice that fit perfectly with both slow and upbeat songs alike. His musical influences range from Stevie Wonder to R.E.M. to more obvious rock bands, such as Vertical Horizon.

Despite being a lesser known musician, his music has been featured on radio stations around the country.

Additionally, he has opened for bands such as Sum 41 and Good Charlotte. Also, though he has been performing with a band for this tour, he often performs acoustic songs, which is obvious in many of his songs since they heavily rely on his guitar.

Not only were the songs enjoyable, but in between the songs, he and his band members were very entertaining. They prefaced most of their songs with an anecdote or two.

For instance, he performed a song from his first album called "Delhi," and shared his shock after having a group of college-aged students cheer because, surprisingly, they were from Delhi. Also, the percussionist, Larz Rizzuto, had the misfortune of his drum set

being placed directly in front of the fireplace in Seegers. Suffice to say, there were many a joke about a fire down the back of his pants.

However, it was unfortunate that the concert had to take place at the couches in Seegers - and not only because of unfortunate placement of the drums. The music was too loud for the room and too intense for the small crowd attending the concert. Because of this, it was often difficult to understand the lyrics.

Despite certain technical difficulties, the concert as a whole was an enjoyable way to spend part of the weekend.

Hopefully though, if Celani does return he will at least be performing in The Red Door.

Bloody Poetry



In the upcoming production of *Bloody Poetry*, put on by the Theatre Outlet, students can find Jessica Alex '09 and Robert Grimm '09 starring as the poet Percy Bysshe Shelley, haunted by Harriet, his dead wife (Alex). The production, directed by Jim Peck, is located at the Theatre Outlet, in the Silkworks Building, 930 North 4th Street in Allentown. The show dates include:

Thurs, Feb. 8, 2007 at 8:00 p.m. (Preview Performance)
Fri, Feb. 9, 2007 at 8:00 p.m. (Opening Night Gala Performance)
Sat, Feb. 10, 2007 at 8:00 p.m.
Sun, Feb. 11, 2007 at 3:00 p.m.
Wed, Feb. 14, 2007 at 8:00 p.m.
Thurs, Feb. 15, 2007 at 8:00 p.m. (Post-Show Talk-Back with Dr. Grant Scott)
Fri, Feb. 16, 2007 at 8:00 p.m.
Sat, Feb. 17, 2007 at 8:00 p.m.
Sun, Feb. 18, 2007 at 3:00 p.m.
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•Students & Seniors (Thurs): \$10
•Opening Night Gala Performance on Feb. 9: \$25 (includes catered post-show bash with the cast and crew)

Photo by Jim Peck

Apple Tree is a delicious show

By Sarah Sansolo
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

The Broadway revival of Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick's *The Apple Tree*, being performed by the Roundabout Theatre Company at Studio 54, is an excellent rendition of this three-act musical, based on three very different short stories: "The Diary of Adam and Eve" by Mark Twain, "The Lady or the Tiger?" by Frank R. Stockton and "Passionella" by Jules Feiffer. It quickly becomes clear, however, that only one of these stories makes an excellent musical.

The first act, "The Diary of Adam and Eve," has enough humor and heart to stand alone as its own musical, and it is certainly the best moment in the entire show. Brian d'Arcy James' Adam is hilarious from the moment the show starts, reveling in his "Adam time" when no one else is around and growing increasingly annoyed when the perky, know-it-all Eve (Kristin Chenoweth) is introduced.

The witty script in this first act has the audience laughing constantly as the pair demonstrates stereotypes of men and women. For example, as soon as Eve moves into Adam's hut she begins offering suggestions as to how he should redecorate.

The characters, however, are not confined to their stereotypes, exploring their complexities through the beautiful songs. Adam slowly becomes able to appreciate his new companion and the world around him in "Eve" and "Beautiful, Beautiful World." Eve is surprised to discover that her confidence falters when presented with the idea of love in "Feelings."

Chenoweth particularly shines in the first song of the show, "Here in Eden," during which Eve reflects on her home and her inescapable feeling that her time there is fleeting.

While "The Diary of Adam and Eve" retells the well-known story of the Garden of Eden, the Snake (Marc Kudisch) seems to bring about positive changes

in the plot as he seduces Eve and convinces her to try the forbidden fruit.

It is when Adam and Eve are banished from Eden that they are able to fall in love, and that the first act of the musical suddenly adds a good deal of emotion to the constant stream of jokes.

After intermission, the musical takes a turn for the worse, with the convoluted and unsatisfying "The Lady or the Tiger?" James, who's skillful acting and beautiful voice are showcased in the

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first act, is given the very small role of Sanjar, and the musical becomes a one-woman show in Chenoweth's hands.

Despite her talent, however, she is unable to rescue the second part of the musical. "The Lady or the Tiger?" tells the story of Princess Barbara, whose lover (James' Sanjar) is sentenced to a trial in the bizarre judicial system used by King Arik (Walter Charles). He is forced to choose one of two identical doors, which will lead him to either a man-eating tiger or a woman who he will be required to marry.

Only Princess Barbara knows what lies behind each door, but she is torn between sending her lover to his death or allowing him to marry someone else. The ending is abrupt and vague, and this entire second act is filled with unmemorable songs. Chenoweth's comic timing is all that makes "The Lady or the Tiger?" worth watching.

The third act, "Passionella," manages to save the post-intermission segment of *The Apple Tree* from complete disaster. "Passionella" manages to be endearing despite its corny, Cinderella-based plot, and relies heavily on

Chenoweth's charming performance and the show-stopping "Gorgeous."

Chenoweth makes chimneysweep Ella absolutely adorable, singing in a purposefully shaky voice about her dream of fame during "Oh, To Be A Movie Star."

Ella's dreary life, punctuated only by hours of tv watching, is turned upside down when Marc Kudisch's narrator-turned-Fairy Godmother allows her to turn into a beautiful 1960s movie star named Passionella.

Chenoweth's performance of "Gorgeous," Passionella's reaction to her sudden transformation from rags to riches, is nothing short of remarkable. "Gorgeous" is, unfortunately, the last memorable song in the show, but "Passionella" remains corny and cute in the usual gushing fairy tale manner.

The Apple Tree itself is a spotty show, only truly shining in "Gorgeous" and the charming first act, but the talented cast and its few moments of greatness make it well worth seeing.

One of those moments can be attributed to Brian d'Arcy James, while underused in his second and third act roles, who proves to be an excellent comedic actor. But his ending lines in "The Diary of Adam and Eve" hint at challenging emotions, as well.

Marc Kudisch, even more underused than James, shines in his one solo as the Snake (complete with serpentine movements and sleazy charm) and lends much of the comedy to "Passionella" through his narration and interaction with the other characters.

It is Kristin Chenoweth, whoever, who steals the show. Lovable and hilarious as Eve, Ella and Passionella, she puts enough effort into the uninteresting Princess Barbara to at least provide some funny moments and stunning vocal feats.

The Apple Tree only plays a limited run, ending on March 11, but it is worth the trip to New York merely to experience Chenoweth's performance and to laugh and cry through "The Diary of Adam and Eve."



After her performance of *The Apple Tree*, Kristin Chenoweth signs autographs and memorabilia.

PHOTO BY SARAH SANSOLO

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ship.

I have since changed my attitude on long-distance relationships. It's only worth it if both parties are committed. If one partner is not willing to drive a measly 25 minutes to see the other, the guy is clearly a self-obsessed jerk or just plain lazy. You deserve better anyway.

Now to change gears a bit, I don't want to leave out the fellas. I have known and heard of many men who have left behind high school girlfriends as they go off to college.

There is something unsettling about a guy who is a sophomore in college dating a junior in high school. I am sure that it is all legal and you have a great relationship, but the first semester of college is a time for exploration and touching inappropriately.

I give props to these people, but if things start to go bad, I would pull the plug before things get bad. Also, never force your high school lover to attend the same college as you do. You might end up kicking yourself later on.

In the end, people care way too much about what others think. If you think someone is sexy, regardless of age, you should try to at least holler at them!

Freshman guys, don't be intimidated by the upper-class women. We may come off as scary and mean, but get to know the right girl and you will have an older goddess to show you the ropes.

Senior ladies, he may be younger than you, but that doesn't mean he doesn't know way more about pleasing a woman than a guy in his late 20s. It's all something to think about...Stay sexy, stay safe Muhlenberg!

Dominating both ends of the Court

Mule Profile--Meghan Courtney

By Victoria Davis
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

At 6'1" center Meghan Courtney is a force for Muhlenberg Women's Basketball. A huge offensive threat as well as a powerful shot-blocker, Courtney has contributed greatly to the Mules' success over the last four years. Her presence on both ends of the court has shredded the competition as she has a knack for knocking down shots as well as bringing down tough rebounds. Her all-around play has helped lead the team to yet another winning season.

Courtney grew up in Amherst, Mass., and is a graduate of Amherst High School. At the age of six, she took her first shot and her promising basketball career took off from there. A few years later she began middle school and added softball to her schedule, but as she entered high school, she decided to focus on basketball. She served as Captain of her high-school team, and also found time to compete on the soccer field. She is an all-around athlete, but she also excels in the classroom. She says, "At Muhlenberg, I have had an incredible academic experience along with basketball. Everyone is so supportive that finding a balance between academics and sports is not too difficult."

Majoring in International Studies and earning her minor in English, Courtney co-founded the Muhlenberg International Relations Council. She also contributes to Best Buddies, the Special Olympics and serves as a peer tutor. After graduation, she plans to take some time off but go on to graduate school in the future. She would like to continue her studies on "community development and policy" and "international development."

Courtney describes the College as her second home, and she says, "This team is my family." Unfortunately, it is a family she will be leaving soon, but not without leaving her mark. Courtney has hit several basketball milestones

throughout the years, and they have earned her permanent spots on the Muhlenberg All-Time list. Her 951 career points as of now puts her fifth all-time, while she comes in sixth with 404 points in a single season (2005-2006). She also ranks with the best of them in the points-per-game category, reaching 30 points in a recent game against Washington (Md.). She is the 16th



Muhlenberg's Captain Meghan Courtney goes up hard to the basket. Courtney is 49 points shy of reaching 1000 total for her career.

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player in team history to record 500 career boards, and her total is currently 513. With each game, she adds to these record numbers.

Other memorable moments in her career include being named Player of the Week by the Centennial Conference. Also, last season she broke into the top ten in the Conference in scoring, rebounding, field-goal percentage and blocked shots. Other honors include being nominated for Player of the Year last year and being named to the First Team All-Centennial Conference. But of course, as any great athlete does, Courtney attributes her great success to her teammates, who have elevated her game and have been a huge support system.

Being part of the Basketball Team has done more than keep Courtney in shape, because as she puts it, "basketball makes you stronger as a leader and also increases your confidence." Courtney has indeed been a solid leader for this Muhlenberg squad, leading them to victory after victory. The team's current record is 15-3, 10-3, with recent wins over Gettysburg and Franklin and Marshall. Courtney has recorded five double-doubles this season, and is looking to hit that 1,000 point mark for her career (she is 49 points shy). Last year, she led the Mules in scoring as the team won the Centennial Conference championship, reached the second round of the NCAA Division III Tournament, and ended their season ranked 20th in the nation. Their record was 26-3, a Muhlenberg best. Finally, Courtney has earned three letters to top off her impressive career.

Like most athletes, Courtney has fought through her share of injuries, but multiple sprained ankles has not held her back from recording impressive statistics. Her basketball career will be permanently etched in the record books, but it is her leadership and contributions to Muhlenberg Women's Basketball that will be remembered the most.

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Women's basketball caught in defensive battles

By Josh Goldstein
SPORTS COLUMNIST

After the tough loss to Washington, the Mules traveled west to Dickinson to take on the Red Devils who also had two losses on the year. The winner of the game would stand alone in second place behind McDaniel. The Mules put together a solid defensive performance only allowing 49 points and holding the Red Devils to 30% shooting. However, their defensive effort was out-matched by that of the Red Devils who held the Mules to 23.7% shooting highlighted by sophomore Lauren Boyle's two for 22 shooting performance. This seemed to be the first time in Boyle's college career that scoring has been hard to come by. However, her solid defense and good team play does not seem to be affected by the scoring troubles. The Mules were able to get as close as four and did hold Dickinson to only five second half field goals. However, the Red Devils proved victorious 49-34. The Mules were led in scoring by senior Meghan Courtney who scored 11 points and recorded four blocks in a game dominated by defense.

After being handed their third loss of the season, their second loss in a row, the Mules returned home to face the Diplomats from Franklin and Marshall. From the tip it was obvious the Mules were out to send a message to the Centennial Conference not to forget about last years champs.

The Diplomats had played the Mules close out at Lancaster and put up an early fight. However, down 8-6 the Mules' junior point guard Abra Like gave her team the lead when she hit two three-pointers for six of her eight total points. With 9:51 in the first half the Diplomats cut a Muhlenberg nine point lead down to seven 20-13, but the Mules would not surrender another first half point going on 19-0 run before giving up a basket to the Diplomats to start the second half. The half time score was 39-13. The Mules were led by Courtney's 14 points and three blocks as she surprisingly came off the bench in favor of sophomore guard Kaitlin Strumph.

Coach Rohn's decision to change the lineup was



Senior Meghan Courtney led the Mules in scoring against the Red Devils, and contributed defensively as well, blocking four shots.

made "to help the team relax as well as to get a quicker lineup on the floor for better defense." He also contributed that the great defensive performance came from the work done in practice: "We had been struggling against pressure defenses and worked against hard pressure in practice. Practicing this pressure has helped improve our defense."

In the second half, the Mules were able to play some of the lesser known players including freshman Katelyn Tolan who scored eight points and grabbed four offensive rebounds in 14 minutes of play. Freshman Kaitlyn O'Malley also contributed a career high ten points in only 12 minutes of play. The Mules also received a solid contribution from junior Michelle Feldman who was put back into the rotation. She tied the team high with eight rebounds and the team high with four assists in twenty minutes of play. Feldman exclaimed that she "was a little nervous at first but really excited to be back in the rotation and really enjoyed playing as a team." She continued to say "that everything flowed well offensively and that the team played good defense and that you just have to trust your teammates and know that they have your back." The Mules ended up winning the game 77-36 and moved on to get ready for Gettysburg on Saturday.

Lauren Boyle made a triumphant return to double digit scoring as she scored 16 points in the Mules 62-55 victory over the Bullets from Gettysburg. Boyle also led the team with five assists while Courtney recorded a P.J. Brown like double-double with 13 points and 13 rebounds.

With the Mules trailing 51-53 with 2:44 the defense once again picked up allowing only two points the rest of the way while scoring 11 including four points from Abra Like all from the free throw line. The girls have two non-league games coming up. One against local rival Moravian which will count towards the *Matte Award* (the school that wins the most games wins the *Matte Award* for the year) the other against Alvernia, before they return back to Centennial Conference play for the last four regular season games.

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Super Bowl XLI features NFL's Golden Boy vs. Mr. Inconsistent

By Zack Gugenheim
SPORTS COLUMNIST

Ever since coming into the league, Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning has silenced all doubters throughout the regular season. However, the doubters had reason to doubt during the post-season, in which he and the Colts had continued to wilt under the pressure. Their comeback victory over the Patriots last two weekends ago finally exorcised the demons that have haunted Manning for numerous seasons past, and he did it in style as he pulled out the victory in the final minute. The Colts, city of Indianapolis and the entire MasterCard marketing line has been cheering that he is finally going to the Super Bowl. However, the pressure isn't off him quite yet.

When someone mentions the

Chicago Bears, normally people start thinking about the vaunted defense. However, the bigger question for media has been, which Rex Grossman will show up? The undersized quarterback from the University of Florida has looked brilliant at times, and has literally had some of the worst possible outings for a quarterback this season (In one game, he had a QB rating of 0). However, many seem to think Rex does not need to win the game for the Bears, just not lose it. The pressure for Manning is much more severe.

Unless Grossman completely blows it (which is entirely possible--the regular season was a great indicator of that), the loss will be blamed on the inability to shut down the vaunted Colts offense. However, if the Colts lose, the upset will squarely fall on Peyton

Manning's shoulders, whether he deserves it or not. Peyton knows it, so does the rest of the world. The Colts are now Peyton's team, which may be unfair, but when you are the NFL's golden boy, you're the face of the franchise that owns you.

Grossman doesn't have to face those pressures. The only thing he has to worry about is not looking TOO bad, which he won't. Grossman has looked decent in the past two playoff games, and he proved he doesn't have to play superman-like to destroy a good football team (They beat a very good New Orleans Saints team 39-14).

Many would think that this pressure would tilt the Bears to an advantage, and yet it is the Colts with the seven point advantage in the point spread. Many think the AFC-NFC disparity will carry

through once again. Others, including myself, believe that this pressure will actually be a good thing for Peyton Manning.

Manning knows what is on the line. He has won every award and every distinction he needs, except one, and he is completely motivated by it. He knows that this is his stage, and this is the team that can do it. He has a re-vitalized defense thanks to a healthy Bob Sanders. He has playmakers all around him. And he now has the confidence to win a big playoff game. Just ask the quarterback he just beat. This game will be close, and will have more scoring than people think, but in the end, the pressure that Manning is embracing will force him to will his team to a Super Bowl Championship.

Prediction: Colts 31, Bears 27

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Eric Miller, along with junior Dan Steinhart all captured first place in the 55, 200, and 400 respectively. The Mules also had first place finishes from freshman Patrick Thornton in the 800 meters, senior junior Tim Seeley in the mile and Michael Karchner in the 55 meter hurdles. Freshmen Joe Dyer and Eric Miller excelled in the triple jump and long jump respectively. Dyer claimed first with a jump of 39-8 feet, while Miller's leap of 20-5 feet secured second place. The Mules seem to be firing on all cylinders in their third meet of the season. It comes as no surprise that senior Captain Cameron Smith, who placed fifth in the shot put, has high hopes for the season. Smith said, "Coach Hackett has built the program up so much in his time here, and we are trying to do something special this year. Now, instead of athletes coming in and needing a few years to develop, the talent in our freshmen class all the way through our senior experience leads us to high expectations. We expect nothing but the best."

On Sat. Jan. 27 several Mules traveled to the Bison Open at Bucknell. Senior Lex Mercado finished fourth in the 800 meters, with an ECAC qualifying time of 1:57.30. Sophomore Stuart Udis finished sixth in the same race, on the verge of ECAC qualification with a time of 1:58.77. Sophomore David Chorney set a new personal best of 4:26.07 in the mile, shaving more than two seconds off of last week's time. Of the weekend, senior Captain Lex Mercado said, "The meets went well. We had a lot of energy and that energy was evident in our performances. The whole team was supportive of one another and we need to keep doing that for the rest of the season." The track teams will be hosting another home meet on Fri. Feb. 2.



Junior Erika Koop, shown here clearing a height of five feet, placed first overall.

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Wins just out of reach for Men's Basketball

By Victoria Davis
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It has been a tough season for Men's Basketball. They have picked away at leads to force overtime, seemed to pull away with large leads of their own and even shaken-up their starting lineup. Unfortunately, that "W" has been elusive. On Jan. 24, the team looked to etch that "W" on the score-sheet as they took on the Dickinson Red Devils. The Mules hit the court in an attempt to rid themselves of a five-game losing streak. They came out hard in the first half, and led by three going into the locker room with a score of 26-23, thanks partly to a four-point play by senior Chris Pothering. Pothering, who was fouled at the three-point line, still managed to knock down the shot and topped it off with a free-throw.

Ready to begin the second half, the Red Devils poured on the pressure and took a four-point lead early. It only got worse from there. Dickinson reached their largest lead of 25 points late in the game, and as the Mules began to claw their way back, they ran out of time and moved to a record of 5-12, 4-7. Meanwhile, the Red Devils improved their record to 5-12, 3-8. Pothering led the Mules with 13 points, senior Tom Scott finished second on the team with eight points, and freshman Peter Barnes tallied nine rebounds in the visitors' loss.

Three days later on Jan. 27, the team traveled to Gettysburg to battle the Bullets (7-11, 5-7). It seemed the Mules were not going to let this game slip away, and they led by as many as nine points. However, Gettysburg got itself back into the game. But in the final two minutes, sophomore Mike Bernardini grabbed an offensive rebound, put up a shot and broke a 50-50 tie, putting the Mules up by two. The Mules were able to hold on to a two-point lead until the final minute, when the Bullets' Joe Spierenburg hit a three-pointer, putting his team up by one, 55-54. But with just 1.2 seconds left, senior Justin Fields was fouled after going up hard to the basket. He was able to make one of his two free-throws, and the stage was set for overtime.

Overtime has not been good to the Mules as of late, and despite their strong effort at the end of regulation, they were unable to match the play of the Bullets. Gettysburg hit all of their shots in overtime, while their opponents were unable to convert on their first three shots. Gettysburg's Spierenburg proved deadly to the Mules as he blocked eight shots throughout the game and punched in a couple of devastating three-pointers. Fields led the Mules with eight rebounds and 18 points, with Bernardini close behind bringing in 14 points. Rebounds were split, each team grabbing 37. Muhlenberg fought hard throughout the game and managed to lead the majority of the time. But overtime is where it counts, and Gettysburg got hot at the perfect moment.

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Indoor Track Teams win it all at Muhlenberg Invitational



Junior Emily Karel prepares for the start of the 4 x 400 meter relay. Senior Captain Rachel Drosdick is also shown as she holds the block. The relay squad placed first in the race.

PHOTO COURTESY OF ERICA KOOP

By Maura Hendsey
SPORTS WRITER

Mon. Jan. 26, the Track Teams hosted the Muhlenberg Invitational. Both teams competed against

The women blew their competitors out of the water, finishing 114 points ahead of second place DeSales. Likewise, the men claimed a decisive victory with a 69.5 point margin over DeSales.

In the women's competition, multiple Muhlenberg athletes placed in nearly every event. The Mules had a strong showing in the mile, with junior Sara Gearin, and sophomores Laura Lipari and Jannette Adams sweeping the top three places respectively. The women also conquered the 55 meter hurdles, claiming all places but fifth. Rachel Drosdick won this event with a time of 9.14 seconds. Once again, the dynamic duo of Erika Koop and Katie Hesselink-Hicks captured the top two places in the high jump, each clearing a height of five feet. Senior Jacquelyn Inverso took first in the triple jump and also qualified for the ECAC tournament, with a jump of 34-8.5 ft. For the third meet in a row, freshman Alex Faust cleared a height of 10 ft. in the pole vault. Not only did individuals excel, but the women's 4x400 and 4x1600 relay teams also placed first. The 4x1600 team of Lipari, Adams, sophomore Kathryn Niedzwiecki and Gearin set a new school record in the event with a speedy time of 23:22.88.

The men's team was quite successful in the sprints on Friday, with eight athletes placing in the 55 — meters, 200 meters and 400 meters. SEE TRACK
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Wrestlers win again in Conference

By Heather Fox
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The College faced an intense week on the mat. With a fall to Kings last Wednesday (26-13), the wrestlers bounced back Saturday defeating both Merchant Marine (33-7) and Stevens (36-15).

Wednesday was a trial for the College coming out with only four individual victories. Among them, winning by decision, were sophomore Rob Kein (141 lb.), senior Matt Loesch (197 lb.) and junior Joe Tartar (Heavyweight). Sophomore Justin Fitch (174 lb.) defeated his opponent with a major decision of 15-5. The team was challenged, but proved a will to win this past weekend.

Junior David Lavin (165 lb.) commented, "Wednesday was a tough match. We didn't match up well with King's, but it exposed some of our weaknesses and showed us what we needed to work on for the weekend, and we were able to improve and win in the conference matches this weekend."

The College faced Centennial Conference opponents Merchant Marine first on Saturday. With a final score of 33-7 great contributions were made by many of the College's wrestlers. Sophomore Billy Hall, wrestling at 131 lbs., set the bar high with a pin in 1:18 seconds. Next came Kein crushing

his opponent 16-0. Junior Joe DeCampo (149 lb.) was victorious after a pin in 1:43. Lavin battled for a win ending on top 9-7. Fitch gained more points for the team with a win in overtime (3-1). Sophomore Matt Horn (184 lb.) won by a major decision of 12-2. Rounding out the victories at the upper weights were decision wins by Loesch (14-7) and Tartar (4-0). Muhlenberg added a CC win and left the Merchant Marines at 3-2 in the conference.

The second bout of the day came against Stevens when the College refused to give them a win. As a small team, Stevens forfeited two matches one to Fitch and the other to Loesch, leaving both wrestlers 2-0 for the day. Several others ended with undefeated records that day. Hall came out with his second pin of the day. Decampo, this time wrestling the 157 lb. weight class also pinned both of his opponents. Horn took his second victory by tech. fall winning 20-3 and Tartar took his with a 15-4 win.

The College, as of Jan. 28, is undefeated against CC rivals (4-0) and stands with a respectable overall record of 4-2-1. They face two more CC teams this week. Saturday they will battle it out against Washington & Lee (3-2, 5-3). Wednesday's loss took the team to outstanding wins on Saturday proving the old cliché, "It is not how far you fall, but how high you bounce."

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College switches to fair trade coffee

By Daniel Asip
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Starting this semester, the College has begun selling fair trade coffee in all dining facilities on campus.

Dr. Richard Niesenbaum, Professor and Head of the Biology Department, has spearheaded the move to make fair trade coffee more available. Niesenbaum has become an advocate for fair trade after a two-week trip to Nicaragua three years ago where he lived with a host family and harvested fair trade coffee on their farm. "The price of coffee hovers around 50 cents per pound worldwide and farmers get about 10 cents per pound," said Niesenbaum. "Coffee production is very labor intensive and therefore, most farmers are only able to harvest 10-20 pounds of

coffee per day."

After doing the math, this results in a profit of between one and two dollars a day for the farmers, which leads to poor living conditions for these workers. "Fair trade means people spend more money on coffee to give a fair price to farmers," said Niesenbaum. "When coffee is certified fair trade, more money gets back to the community where these workers are living."

According to www.globalexchange.org, in order to become fair trade certified, an importer has to pay a minimum of \$1.26 per pound for coffee. The website states, "Fair trade for coffee farmers means community development, health, education and environmental stewardship."

The benefit of fair trade

coffee goes beyond just helping the farmers, it also involves helping the environment. "Fair trade coffee is organic coffee, and organic means being just to the environment," said Niesenbaum. "Most fair trade coffee is shade grown, which means growing and harvesting does not destroy the natural habitat for animals and other plants."

President Helm initiated the move to bring fair trade coffee to campus. He asked Niesenbaum to speak about fair trade at a Board of Trustees meeting. The trustees then decided to implement fair trade coffee at the College.

In terms of implementing this new coffee on campus,

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Pandemic Disaster Plan proposed by senior staff

By Emily Rabson
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

The College has just released a safety plan should any type of pandemic or disaster occur on the campus.

President Helm realizes that although such a disaster has not yet occurred, with hopes that one will not occur in the future, determining how best to respond to a pandemic safely is something

the College should be considering. "The time to plan for an emergency is well before the emergency occurs," explained President Helm. Karen Green, Dean of Students and Vice President of Student Affairs agreed that "The College must be proactive and prepare before anything occurs."

"While we hope that it is never needed, we understand that the possibility of a pandemic is very real and we will need to think carefully about how the College community will respond (in cooperation with local, regional, national officials and health organizations) to protect the health and safety of our students, faculty, staff and neighbors," said Helm.

Numerous people have given suggestions to such a plan in the past. Helm notes that, "It is certainly something that many of us have been concerned about for

well over a year."

Planning for a disaster is difficult because it is impossible to know what damage will exist in any given scenario, or how it will affect the lives of faculty and students. "The plan has various responses/actions that will be implemented in response to specific threat levels determined by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO) as well as local authorities," said President Helm. The problems would probably not exist at a merely local level, but a much larger part of the country. "Examples include the development of alternate management plans for departments (in case various key managers are out of action), 'social distancing' policies (policies restricting large gatherings of individuals to reduce the spread of contagion), access to and distribution of medicine, food, water, etc. Most of these would not be necessary unless there was an actual pandemic--but the plans need to be available in advance just in case."

More difficult than planning for such a disaster would be predicting potential outcomes involving student response. "Well, we hope there will not be a pandemic so that they won't be

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In the Garden Room, the coffee station now features fair trade coffee.

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Grab a carrot: The Red Door now offers healthy grub

If you have tried to walk through Seegers and General's Quarters between 12:00-1:00 p.m. recently, you might have noticed the ridiculous lines and stifling congestion overrunning the joint. Let's call this Muhlenberg's own little "rush hour"—a time of the day when actually ordering a sandwich rather than grabbing one off the pre-made food shelf seems unthinkable. The problem of noon-time craziness has been an overwhelming problem this entire year and it has finally received the attention it deserves.

Kim Nguyen '07 presented a video on behalf of the Student Body during the Board of Trustees meeting, visually demonstrating the influx of students during this especially hectic period of the day. "On Tuesdays and Thursdays 53 classes let out between 12:00 and 12:30," stated Nguyen. This stat is a cry for immediate damage control and luckily, Sodexo stepped up to the plate and turned The Red Door into an additional lunchtime alternative. Years ago, The Red Door served as a bowling alley and then a café of sorts. And though the time for a rebirth of lanes, pins and velcro shoes may have passed, we feel like we are not alone in saying, we are glad to see its cuisine roots resurrected.

This new haven for food and health lovers campus-wide offers wraps, salads, Tex-Mex style concoctions and soup, many containing organic ingredients. Its hours of operation are between 12:00 and 2:00 and many hope that it will diffuse some of the foot traffic cramping the upper level of Seegers and (especially) General's Quarters' square footage. Best of all, the new shindig operates on swipe. Halleluiah!

Dining renovations were supposed to be completed before the Life Sports Center and phase I of the Seegers renovation. And although it seems that dining facilities upkeep continually gets pushed off, the new Red Door offers a quick and easy solution (for now) for muchie madness. Props to the administration for speedily (or so it seems) implementing something that serves so many of the students' wants and needs. From seniors worn out by greasy fries and looking for healthier options, to others in need of quick sustenance and a pick-me-up, we are impressed and grateful for The Red Door's new groove.

Council falling short of achieving goals

By Brian Galgano
WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

The role of student government in colleges around the country all have the same fundamental purpose: to represent the students and be a conduit for improving the welfare of students. Our student government, or I should say our Student Council, lacks many of the qualities successful student governments have. Being a member of my class council for two years before going abroad and attending almost every Student Council meeting during those two years make me feel that I am qualified, but more importantly obligated to state my views on the changes that Student Council must make in order to be taken as both a serious organization and a respected organization on this campus.

For almost three years now I have watched an organization whose mission, year after year, has become simply a statement in a filing cabinet. Part of the problem has been an internal struggle that has left Student Council battling over its own bylaws, its own mission and its own purpose. This downward spiral of internal unrest, began with members being thrown out of their elected positions by the College's judicial process, has caused a once powerful group to become simply a puppet to the College and a nuisance for clubs and organizations. The struggle for power continues today and clubs and organizations are beginning to feel the burden of an organization that is desperately trying to reach out to their con-

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Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

As a member of Student Council myself, I was very offended by the letter to the editor written by David Dolan in the Feb. 1 issue regarding Student Council and responsibility. I feel, however, that the letter failed to recognize the full picture of what Student Council actually does. As a member of Council who has been elected three consecutive times to serve the Student Body, I would like to clear up some misconceptions and offer some suggestions to those who may feel frustrated with our organization.

First, I think it is unfair to criticize the various activities and events that Class Councils have put together for fundraising and class unification. These members have spent countless hours planning events meant to bond their classes and enhance the college experience. These include events such as formals, pub nights, Mr. Muhlenbergs, barbecues and hot chocolate nights. In addition, what about Student Council's "Henry Awards"? What other events at Muhlenberg have you seen with a large and diverse group of students in attendance that has served as a morale booster for the entire College Community? Many students enjoy these events and do not realize that Class Representatives and Class Council members volunteer their time and hard work to plan and carry out these events.

While Class Representatives have worked very hard on various fundraising and unifying initiatives, they have also worked hard on various resolutions addressing student concerns. We have passed resolutions regarding the recent Hookah Policy that the Administration put into place, and another resolution regarding a safe walkway from Prosser Hall to Chew Street, which is now on the College's Special Projects list.

My advice to anyone who wants changes to occur is to be proactive and become involved. Student Council members are students just like all of you and we cannot read people's minds. If you have concerns, I urge you to contact one of your Class Representatives directly, and then it is their job to bring that concern to Student Council. Contact information for Representatives and Class Council members can be found on the Student Council Board located across from the Book Store in the lower level of Seegers.

If you want to get further involved in Student Council, I recommend that you attend any of our committee meetings that meet weekly and are open to all students. Our committees include Academics (Mondays at 4:30 p.m., Seegers couches), Athletics (Tuesdays at 7 p.m., Seegers couches), Campus Community Affairs (Wednesdays at 7 p.m., Seegers couches), Campus Safety (Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m., Campus Safety Office lobby, Prosser Hall) Finance (Mondays at 5:30 p.m., Fulford Room, Library) Seegers Union (Tuesday at 5:15 p.m., Seegers couches) and Technology (Thursday at 6 p.m., Seegers couches). These committee meetings serve as an outstanding means for students to recommend new ideas. Also, don't forget that Student Council as a whole meets every Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room on the third floor of Haas. We always welcome new faces and new ideas.

While everyone is entitled to his or her own opinion, I do not think it is fair to criticize and complain if you have not taken the time to do your part. Talk to your Class Representatives about your concerns to reassure that your thoughts and ideas are being represented. Additionally, elections for the next term are coming up. If you feel motivated to make a difference and would like to volunteer your time to attend at least four meetings a week as well as complete hours of work outside of these meetings, then I urge you to run for a Class Representative or Class Council position in the upcoming elections.

Lisa Harrison '08
Student Council Recording Secretary
Class of 2008 Representative

Council works hard for success

Democrats speechless over blocked debate



Joe Caporoso
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

should always be allowed to be an integral part of the American political process.

Yet, this past week our Republican Senators voted "No" to debate. A bipartisan resolution that opposes our President's plan to add almost 22,000 troops in Iraq won't even be allowed discussion. Regardless of where you stand on the issue, it is ridiculous that it won't even have the

Debate would always seem to be a good thing in a democracy. Different opinions get expressed in a process that should ultimately result in the best decision for all parties involved. Debate is what this country was built on, and

be debated in our Congress. Republicans have stated that debate would hurt the morale of our troops and send them a mixed message.

Try to picture this. One of our soldiers instantly begins not performing up to his capabilities because he hears a news report that his country is debating whether or not to send more troops to Iraq. The simple fact that his own country is doing something democratic, debating, bothers him so greatly he can't go on fighting. Doesn't make much sense, right? This is especially true, since he or she is currently fighting to give Iraqis the right to debate, in an openly democratic government.

This is a serious issue for our country to examine. We can't even debate a war that is killing Americans every single day, and costing this country countless amounts of money. Our President's new budget plan continues to

increase spending on the war, which is costing Americans upwards

of 2.5 billion dollars a week. More importantly, Americans keep dying, while the situation in Iraq is continually getting worse. There is more than enough to debate when this many lives are at stake.

A close examination needs to be given to the country of Iraq, an examination that

in reality should have been done long before we invaded it without an exit strategy. Iraq will never develop into the unified, flourishing democracy Republicans like to talk about. You are talking about a nation that has heavy sectarian divisions, which is made up of people who don't identify themselves as Iraqis. They identify themselves with their religious or ethnic sect. You don't just unite groups of people who have been killing and torturing each other for decades under one government. That is why the President and his premature claims of "Mission Accomplished" really make no sense at all. This is a war that is a long haul, and realistically has no end in sight. We have been here before in Vietnam, we need to learn from our past.

More troops are probably needed in Iraq, but when does it stop? How many more years are we going to funnel our troops and our money into a nation that couldn't be further from a peaceful democracy? The

American public is eventually going to tire of not seeing results, and when these calls become overwhelming, whoever is in charge at the time, is going to be forced to remove our troops. It may be too late to undo our mistakes of the past, mistakes that could have possibly been avoided by allowing more debate. Yet, it seems we still aren't learning from our past.

Debate is what this country was built on, and should always be allowed to be an integral part of the American political process.

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stituents, but is failing miserably. Student Council is treading in deep water now as they have begun to threaten to withhold funding from clubs as a tool to boost attendance for a Student Body meeting. I understand from the perspective of Student Council that it is frustrating to hold Student Body meetings and have no one come out. However, quite honestly, maybe if you were more open, more transparent, more caring about your constituents, people would care to come speak rather than be afraid and confused.

While I don't want this to sound like a rant about my dislikes of Student Council, I want to provide solutions and open up a dialogue for change and growth.

I propose to Student Council to make an active effort to go and speak with their constituents. I urge members of Student Council to go to club meetings and speak to the clubs and find out more about them. The relationship Student Council has developed with clubs is the same relationship I have with my bank. Student Council has become an ATM for organizations

and as much as they don't like the idea of being the ATM, they can't use intimidation and power as a way to try to fix this relationship. If Student Council reaches out to the members of this campus in a more friendly and welcoming way then maybe they will begin to see the change they wish. Until they realize they have lost much of the respect of the campus community, the organization will continue down its same path.

There was a time when the leaders of Student Council worked with the leaders of clubs and had discussions to foster ideas. There was a time when some members of Student Council took the time to work in the Garden Room and give something back to the College and make themselves visible to

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students.

There was a time when members brought ideas forward and took the initiative to follow through and make changes on campus. These times have quickly changed and as a result have left many student leaders weary and concerned that our elected representatives are simply not doing the job we elected them to do.

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Weekly Discourse:

Are man's emission of greenhouse gases a cause of global warming?

An inconvenient opinion It's not easy being Green

By Kyle Miller
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Last week, the United Nations made progress in blaming humanity for global warming. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) issued a report that profoundly declared that humans were the "very likely" cause of climate change. This is a significant declaration, for in 2001, they concluded that humans were the "likely" cause. The report linked the rising global temperature with manmade greenhouse gases. However, for many of us, this link remains more ambiguous than the IPCC and Al Gore would like us to believe.

According to this recent report, which has been praised as the final 'nail in the coffin' for global warming skeptics, manmade greenhouse gases are "likely" to cause among other things: hotter temperatures, more rainfall or drought in some regions and more frequent and deadly hurricanes. The report also predicted that ocean levels will rise between 7 and 23 inches by 2100, while temperatures will increase 3.2 - 7.1 degrees Fahrenheit in the same time period.

What has happened to the opposing position? There seems to be a discriminatory faction who would like to suppress any voice of moderation or doubt on the subject. The media sees global warming as one of its protectorate projects or "darling issues" and has pounced on any dissenting or differing opinion. One host on The Weather Channel argued that if a meteorologist expresses criticism about the human link to global warming, they should be stripped of their credentials. Another reaction to those publicly expressing doubt of the cataclysmic global warming forecasts, was the labeling of such skeptics as "holocaust deniers". Also in transparent affirmation of their position, Hollywood and 'the academy' have jumped on the

opportunity to recognize Al Gore for his documentary achievement on global warming alarmism, which could place him in the stratosphere of stardom with contemporaries such as Michael Moore.

Before taking a giant leap of faith in the global warming apocalypse phenomenon, which places the blame almost entirely on humanity, perhaps one should take a look at other contributions to the changing environment. Despite the obvious historical precedence of climate change, one example of contradiction is found in a report by the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations. The report estimates that livestock "emissions" are responsible for 18% of greenhouse gases, which is a larger share than that of transportation. With this in mind, it is possible to recognize that not all sources on manmade climate change can

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to tally agree on the cause. Also there is some confusion about the signs or evidence of global warming, which indicates the shift in terminology from 'global warming' to 'climate change', as to inclusively cover whatever occurs out of the ordinary.

Despite skepticism in the doomsday scenarios presented by global warming alarmists, energy and environmental conservation are still necessary and important principles. In his first inaugural, Jefferson said, "Every difference of opinion is not a difference of principle." Therefore, complete affirmation of global warming is not mutually exclusive to the acknowledgement that pollution is unhealthy, detrimental to the environment and our way of life. This leaves the opportunity for constructive debate which should not be stifled because, through it, the path to helping solve these difficult problems can be found.

By Eric Feld
OP/ED EDITOR

The global warming debate is over. There is no "other side" of the coin amongst the scientific community. On Fri., Feb. 2, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) that consists of several hundred of the world's best and brightest scientific authorities, issued its latest report stating a 90% probability that human activity and our related carbon emissions are

causing global warming and the ensuing climate crisis. For scientists, this translates to a smoking gun. The IPCC also concluded that there is less than a 5% probability that the forces causing the earth to warm are completely natural.

It is essential to be mindful that global warming and climate change are not political issues as many lawmakers and energy companies would care for us to believe. Those who accept the reality that humans are causing global warming are not necessarily "liberal" or even "Democrats." At the same time, it is not "conservative" or "Republican" to believe otherwise. Rather, it is simply foolish and naïve to deny or downplay humanity's role in causing the drastic climatic changes on our planet through global warming. The only debate, in fact, is that which is perpetuated by the media and the energy companies that pay top dollar for news coverage and advertisements to promote the idea that there is even another side to the issue.

There is no time to waste debating what is already known. In an age where talk of battling terrorism is commonplace, we have the opportunity to battle global warming as the greatest terror threat of all. When the Department of Homeland Security receives word of a threat of terror, they do not sit around debating whether it is a valid, serious threat or what it might actually be instead. Immediate action is taken to preserve human life, because it is the

morally responsible course of action. By the same logic, the world's top experts all agree upon the impending terror that will be caused through global warming. If we have all of the scientific knowledge about how to predict when, where and how these terror warnings will likely come true, shouldn't we be acting upon them instead of debating their value as a threat? Or is the value of humanity worth less than the quarterly profits of ExxonMobil?

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For humanity to enjoy a future on Earth, we must change our habits in everything from agriculture to transportation to even the way that we heat and cool our homes and businesses. According to a report by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in 2006, livestock alone generates 18% more greenhouse gases than transportation. This fact is not a contradiction to the IPCC and climate science's belief in humans as the source of greenhouse gases in climate change, but rather one of many confirming points. A high human demand for meat encourages farmers to raise more animals, such as cattle, which release massive amounts of the greenhouse gas, methane, as they digest cellulose from grazing. Because there are far more livestock on earth from agriculture than would naturally occur, the emissions from these animals are the result of human activity and industry. Farmers, too, must then deforest acres upon acres of land for livestock grazing in turn releasing huge amounts of carbon dioxide in the process.

Though there is no time, there is hope. We now have all of the technology necessary to avert tragedy as a result of global warming and climate change. The only thing left to wait for is a cultural change that recognizes the importance of investing in humanity rather than in the pockets of gasoline, oil and coal companies. The debate is over, and now is the time to face the reality of pure science.

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Student appears on NBC nightly news

By Eirren Disbrow
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Most students at the College have either watched parts of President Bush's State of the Union Address or discussed it in class and among friends. However, as young adults and the future generation of this country, many of us may not be aware of the importance of our observations and opinions on our President's speech. In fact, they are of such significance that NBC recently made the effort to come all the way to the College to interview students on their perspectives.

Jimmie Riggins '07 was chosen to voice his opinion on the matter and was interviewed in the Hoffman House. To NBC Nightly News, Riggins said that although he does not approve of the war in Iraq, he believes that at this point removing our troops would just lead to more chaos because of Iraq's lack of security.

When asked how he felt about being on the news Riggins said that "I was nervous at first but I kept my cool and went along with it." Despite the pressure of being on the

news for everyone to scrutinize, Riggins remained calm and articulate, impressing his friends and family. "I had a basketball game that day and when I came back I saw some of my friends and they told me that they had seen me on TV. I did not expect people to notice me on the news but later more of my friends called me up to tell me they had seen me and what they thought of it," said Riggins.

Riggins was recommended by Professor Borick, Professor of Political Science. Riggins enjoyed the interview and said that "it was a good first time experience of doing an interview that would be put on television...I'm just glad that it wasn't a live broadcast."

Regardless of whether the broadcast was live, Riggins did an excellent job of representing the College's students. Political involvement is an essential part of a college community and it has the potential to greatly affect our future. Jimmie Riggins is just one example of how young people have a voice, whether it be in political clubs on campus, voting in the next election or on NBC Nightly News.

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the change has been a relatively easy process for dining services. "Our vendors have always had fair trade as an option and our company promotes the use of fair trade coffee, so implementing a program was fairly simple," said John Pasquarello, General Manager of the College's Dining Services. "We believe offering fair trade coffee as an option here at Muhlenberg is socially responsible, and we are glad to have this be part of our daily options."

Although fair trade coffee costs more, coffee drinkers around campus will see no price increases when they are in need of a caffeine fix. "Due to the purchasing agreements we have with our vendors, we are able to offer a variety of fair trade coffee programs (Green Mountain, Seattle's Best and Starbucks) across campus at no additional cost to our customers, something we are proud of," said Pasquarello.

Pride is something that also comes to Niesenbaum's mind when he thinks about what the College has done. "Working with these coffee farmers puts a face on every cup of coffee I drink, someone's pride went into my cup," he said. "It makes me proud to be at Muhlenberg when I see fair trade coffee at GQ and other places on campus."

Ryan Campbell '08, Student Body President, echoed Niesenbaum's thoughts. "It's great that we're taking a step in the right direction in terms of where the College needs to go when it comes to environmental and social awareness," he said.

For Niesenbaum, the implementation of fair trade coffee has also complemented his teaching. "I've been teaching about fair trade coffee in my classes for three or four years," he said. "Students are coming up to me and saying we learned about this and now we're really seeing it."

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affected at all," said Helm. "If there is a pandemic, how students, faculty and staff are affected will depend largely on how severe the pandemic is in our area." He explains further that "if local authorities were to impose a quarantine on the campus, we would need to make sure that there is sufficient food, water and medical care."

President Helm has already considered the possibility of a pandemic occurring on a non-College site containing a large amount of students. "If there is a pandemic outbreak in another part of the world where we have students studying abroad, we will have to have procedures for helping them get home and determining when they can return to the campus."

Again, the plan is intended for worst case scenarios. "We are developing the plan as a contingency measure--hoping that it never has to be implemented."

For this reason, it is hard to know exactly how precise this plan should be. In the event of a disaster, there are sure to be unpredictable events that the College will have overlooked.

Nevertheless, the fact that the College has thought this far ahead says much to imply the level of preparation that has already gone into the process. President Helm is optimistic about the progress made so far in preparing for a potential disaster. "Muhlenberg is lucky to have a very thoughtful, dedicated and pro-active staff that is serious about the health and safety of our community. I am glad that we have taken the initiative to develop a team approach to this possibility. The health of our community members is and should be," he emphasizes, "our highest priority."

Spring Break !

College Housing is Closing!

All college owned houses, apartments and residence halls are closing on March 2, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. and will reopen on March 11, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.! There will be no access before 10:00 a.m.

The only students permitted to stay on campus are:

- Academic responsibility (i.e.: student teaching)
- International Students
- Students living more than 300 miles from campus
- Athletes with WRITTEN permission from their coach

If you do not fall into these categories and you are approved to stay, there is a \$25.00 per day charge. A "Request To Stay Over Break Form" must be submitted by every student who stays including those students falling into the above categories. Forms are available online at: www.muhlenberg.edu/mgt/resserv and are due by Monday, February 19th. Late requests will be subject to a \$25.00 fine. If you have any questions please call our office at x3180.

Please make your travel plans accordingly.

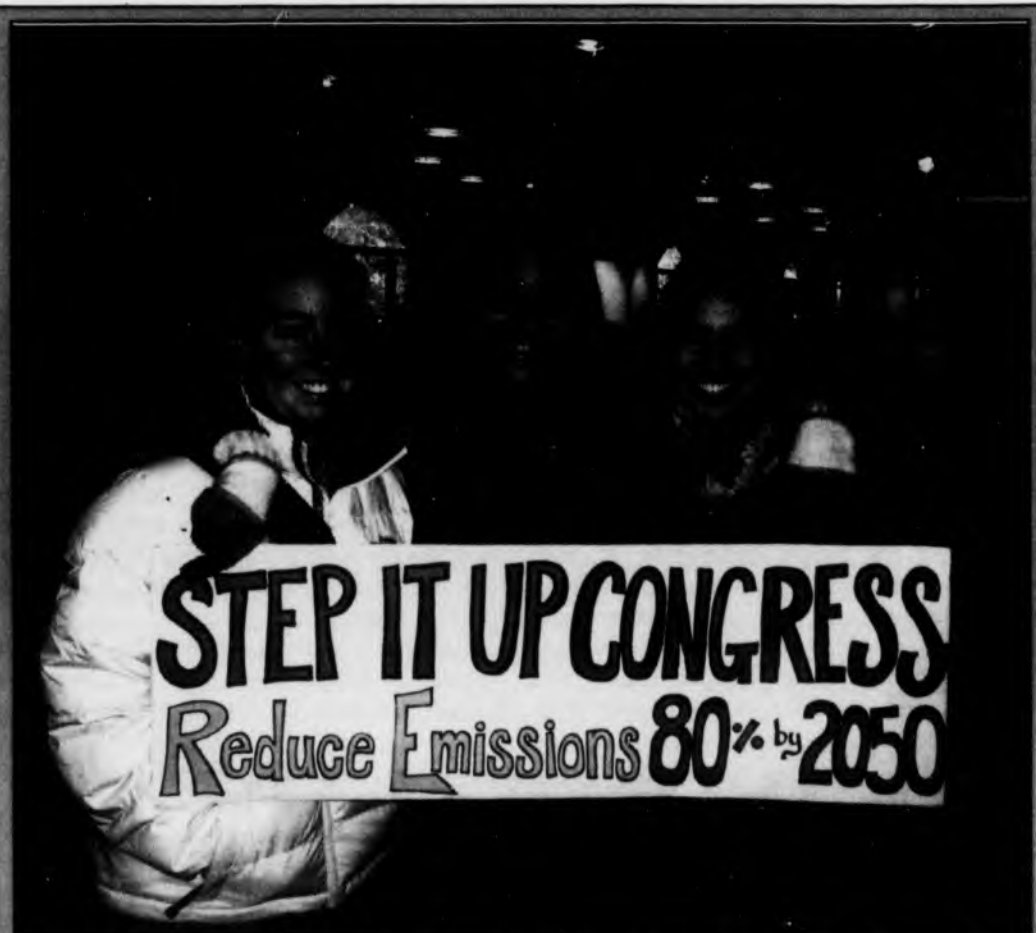
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Answer to Sudoku

Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9.

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On Fri., Feb. 2, members from the Environmental Action Team collected over 300 pictures of students, faculty and staff holding a sign saying, "Step it up Congress! Reduce emissions 80% by 2050." The photo-petition was part of a nation-wide collection of photos from high school and college community members all holding signs with the same message demanding that Congress address global warming. The photos will then be compiled and mailed to Congress. Specifically, this campaign, organized through the Sierra Student Coalition (a branch of one of the largest environmental groups in the country--the Sierra Club) addressed a need for a reduction in the amount of greenhouse gases released from sources like industry, power plants and cars.

The United States, though accounting for only 4% of the world's population, is one of the largest sources of these greenhouse gases.

Like hundreds of other schools across the country, EnAcT has joined the "Campus Climate Challenge", an intercollegiate networking system that allows campus environmental groups to work together to address global warming on their campuses.

Compiled by Steve Epting

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Partly Cloudy	Snow Showers	Partly Sunny
High: 30 Low: 15	High: 31 Low: 13	High: 31 Low: 16

OFF CAMPUS

School district faces 15 million dollar lawsuit

A federal lawsuit was filed in August 2006 which states that the school district's negligence led to four rapes by a 12-year-old boy at Central Elementary school. It was filed on behalf of three of the 7 year-old male rape victims, and seeks \$15 million in damages.

District solicitor John Freund has asked a federal judge to dismiss the suit. He argued there is limited federal case law to support holding a school district responsible for protecting a child against injury by another child. According to the suit, school officials were required by law to contact police or children and youth services personnel, but failed to do so.

The victims' parents claim to have been ignored by the school board when they told them their first-graders had been raped.

Animal Response Team attempts to enact plan

Lehigh Valley County's Animal Response Team are putting together a disaster plan for thousands of Lehigh Valley farm and domestic animals, including poultry, cattle, pigs, sheep, horses, dogs and cats. After Hurricane Katrina, where many animals died because there was no rescue plan to save them, three women started to put together a database of information on animal rescue such as where large transporting vehicles can be found and where animals can be temporarily housed in the event of large-scale catastrophe.

Animals are the number one reason people refuse to evacuate their homes during an emergency, resulting in many deaths. The Response teams hopes that their plan will prevent this from happening.

Courtesy of The Morning Call

Students Form Muhlenberg International Relations Council

By Jenn Lavelle
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Motivated to get College students thinking and talking about international affairs, Meghan Courtney '07, Libby Hill '07, Katherine Hesselink-Hicks '07 and Brian Galgano '08, formed the Muhlenberg International Relations Council (MIRC) last semester. Dr. Hashim, Assistant Professor of Political Science and Director of the Dana Scholars program, is their advisor. The Political Science Department has also offered their assistance to the Council. The goal of the Council is to "stimulate thought about international politics here at the College," said Meghan Courtney, one of the founding members. All four students who began the program at the College interned at the United Nations, where they learned how the UN functions diplomatically in the international sphere.

Courtney, Galgano, Hill and Hesselink-Hicks also noted that many Political Science and International Studies students at the College are not politically involved. They hope to break through the "Muhlenberg Bubble" and make students more aware of what is going on in the world outside of the College. The College is constantly trying to get a more involved student body, which the Council fully supports. The MIRC's mission is "dedicated to the pursuit of global awareness, promoting critical thinking and debate."

So far, the group is off to a promising start. For a first year club, the membership

is quite large and they started right away with some big projects which could be a reason for the large numbers of members right off the bat. MIRC headed up two "Breaking through the Bubble" campaigns last semester, one involving stopping human trafficking, and the other airing out Myanmar's dirty laundry, which was accompanied by a letter-writing campaign to the UN Secretary General. They also heard Mary Robinson, former President of Ireland, speak in the Lehigh Valley. She spoke about corporate responsibility to uphold practices regarding human rights issues, especially regarding child and slave labor.

The Council also has big plans for this semester. They are arranging an awareness campaign to educate students on the hot issue of conflict in Africa. The Council will also be sending students to a model UN meeting in New York, a first-time undertaking here at the College. Students from all over the world will be representing various countries in a simulated UN meeting. Courtney believes this is a "great opportunity for students to learn how countries work through problems and implement policy." The Council will also work with another College student organization, S.H.A.R.E. (Students Have a Real Effect) on a campaign for Poverty Awareness week. Students participating in the Council will also be listening to some interesting speakers this semester. They are bringing in a guest who works with AIDS awareness and trains doctors working in Africa.

MUSES

Submit to us.

MUSES is Muhlenberg's art & literary magazine devoted to showcasing the very best student artwork in any printable medium-poetry, prose, drawing, painting, printmaking, photography, sculpture-anything that can be put into a book is fair game. But in order to bring it to you, you've first got to give it to us.

MUSES will be accepting submissions up to Friday, February 16th. All work can be sent to our e-mail address, muses@muhlenberg.edu.

PLEASE BE SURE to put in the subject line "Muses submission". If you have any work that has to be scanned or photographed first (drawings, paintings, sculptures, etc.) then contact us as early as possible so that we may advise/help you.

Campus Safety Notes

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| Jan. 30 - Larceny/Theft - The individuals responsible for stealing a banner from Seegers Union were identified and will be referred to the Judicial Process. | been struck. | again, he will be arrested for harassment by communication. | Jan. 31 - Injured Student - A student cut her finger with glass. She went to the Health Center. | incident also took place in Walz Hall earlier that day prompting Campus Safety to make a report to the entire campus. |
| Jan. 30 - Fire/Safety Violation - A student was fined \$300 for having a plastic bag over a smoke detector on 414 Albright Street. | Jan. 31 - Hit and Run - A vehicle hit another vehicle on North 23rd Street. This may be the same vehicle that had previously hit the car on Liberty Street. | Jan. 31 - Injured Student - A student accidentally put a staple in her finger and was transported to St. Luke's Emergency Room. | Jan. 31 - Injured Student - A student tripped and hit her head in the Trexler Library, causing a laceration on her forehead. She was transported to St. Luke's ER. | Feb. 1 - Fire Alarm Sounding - There was a fire alarm sounding in East Hall-C on the third floor. |
| Jan. 30 - Fire Alarm Sounding - There was a fire alarm sounding on the fourth floor of Robertson Hall due to cooking. | Jan. 31 - Non-medical transport - A woman was walking by the Fairgrounds area when a Hispanic male in a gray hooded sweatshirt and blue pants or jeans grabbed her from behind. This individual had previously been harassing individuals on campus. He was given a letter of trespass to stay off the College property. | Jan. 31 - Motor Vehicle Accident - Someone called to report that they side-swiped a vehicle when parking on Chew Street. A note was left on the struck vehicle. | Feb. 1 - Suspicious Vehicle - A female student reported that two males tried to get her to come inside their vehicle on North 23rd Street. No one has been found that fits her description of the individuals. | Feb. 1 - Sick Student - A student on the first floor of South Hall reported shortness of breath and went to the Health Center the next day. |
| Jan. 30 - Fire Alarm Sounding - There was a fire alarm sounding due to cooking on 407/409 N. 23rd Street. | Jan. 31 - Harassment by Communication - A student living in Walz Hall was receiving harassing phone calls by a non-student on her cell phone in the middle of the night. The non-student was told by Campus Safety that if he calls the student | Jan. 31 - Larceny/Theft - A member of a visiting sports team reported items stolen from his locker in the Life Sports Center locker room. | Feb. 1 - Suspicious Person - A female student in Brown Hall saw a white male in his 20s and about 5'8" in a windbreaker and sweatpants standing in the first floor hallway. The individual may have been let into the building because it was too cold to stand outside. This | Feb. 1 - Fire/Safety Violation - Two students were fined \$300 for covering the smoke detectors and burning incense on the second floor of Taylor Hall. |
| Jan. 31 - Hit and Run - A car on Liberty Street hit another car, pushing it onto the curb. The owner of the vehicle that was hit was not aware that his/her vehicle had | | Jan. 31 - Fire Alarm Sounding - There was a fire alarm sounding on 319 North 22nd Street due to cooking fried chicken on the stove. | Feb. 2 - Institutional Vandalism - A window in the stairwell between the first and second floors of East Hall-G was smashed. | |

V-Day 2007

Sunday 2/11

Stop Studying and Stop Violence:

Help Us Get V-Day Off... to a good start
Movies and Fun in the Red Door @ 5pm

Tuesday 2/13

Louder, Faster, Deeper

'Berg's Women Perform Like Never Before
Red Door @ 7

Thursday 2/15

Reclaiming Muhlenberg

Breaking Down Gender and Sexual Boundaries in
Academia
CA Recital Hall @ 7

Friday 2/16-2/18

The Vagina Monologues

CA Black Box

Friday & Saturday @ 10, Sunday @ 1

For more information:

Seegers table 2/12-2/16

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WEEKLY

Life!

"The most important thing in life is to learn how to give out love, and to let it come in."

- Morrie Schwartz

Robert Channing: Blows students' minds

By Luanne Linares
WEEKLY LIFE! EDITOR

On Sat. Feb. 3, students of the College agreed to have their minds read. Robert Channing, a very talented mind reader, paid a visit to the College and enjoyed shocking students for a few hours. He blended a mix of comedy and performance with real live ESP for an entertaining experience.

His act was varied in the different ways he presented his talents--from guessing objects to people's innermost secrets. He tried to involve the entire audience by asking for volunteers throughout his act. Amazed by his talents, students jumped at the chance to help him, many wanting to participate more than once.

Out of his entire act, one would have to say that the best and most eerie part of his act was when he was blindfolded with seven pieces of duct tape holding down a real blindfold and quarters in his eye sockets. He wanted to make sure that he could not see and that the students knew

he was not trying to trick them in any manner.

Without his sight, he said his ESP was strongest. Thus, he could sense objects in the room and correctly guess what they were. He asked all the students to write things down on paper for him--a meaningful number, questions they may have wanted answered, their nickname and the funniest moment of their lives.

Once all the papers were collected, he chose one at random from a large bowl and proceeded to rub it on his head. He never actually told the students what this action did, but it seemed to amplify his power because he would then call out initials, a nickname, a full name or a funny moment. Then the student he identified would stand up and say hello to him.

From this one-on-one contact, as he was still blindfolded, he could sense more about the person who he was identifying: he drew out more images from his or her mind. His responses from the student ranged from shock to slight fear to utter amazement at some of the images he manged to see, such as pieces of funny moments or personal pictures. Basically, if the student was thinking it, Robert Channing could sense it.

For some, he asked about the "meaningful" numbers the students wrote down on the paper. Most were anniversaries, birthdays and lucky numbers. He also gave a few students predictions for their futures--telling one girl she would marry into wealth, another that she would have eight children and another was apparently going to marry her current boyfriend and have twins.

While the predictions were a fun addition to the show, the main reason students were impressed was the fact that he was truly using clairvoyance to read these papers. None of the students had ever met him before and there was no way he could have previously discussed with them what to write or say.

Furthermore, the night before coming to the College, he made predictions. He predicted exactly what dream vacation four random students would piece together and even what certain audience



Robert Channing amazed audiences by making extremely accurate predictions--with or without a blindfold.

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members were going to wear to his show.

These predictions were placed in a sealed envelope hours before the students dictated their dream vacation, proving the predictions accurate down to the place, the person, the date and the amount of money spent. After that moment, there were no more doubters in the audience.

Spending a few hours being amazed and shocked made for an eventful Saturday evening--one that brought the students together in a comfortable setting. Robert Channing has proved that he is an outstanding performer, for no audience members left without amazement and a desire to stay longer. A performer who can make college students stay involved and interested on a Saturday night is always worth another visit, as every student should experience a similar event that is as amazing and memorable, especially if it's Robert Channing on a return visit.



Hot tips to heat up the night

By Lily Hatfield
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNIST

Hey readers! I hope that you have all been staying inside with a special (or even not so special) someone and keeping warm.

You know, just because it is frigid outside, doesn't mean that your love life has to be! There are plenty of ways to chase away these wintertime chills and replace them with hot, passionate fun!

Ladies, try this one sometime: Ask a guy for his number. The old standard dating rule goes as follows: Guys ask girls for their numbers. Guys call first. Well, I am here to let you all know that it is 2007 and women need to assert themselves in the dating world, even if it is by taking a small step such as getting a guy's digits.

It will show him that you are interested in him, and more importantly that you are an independent woman who knows what she wants and gets it when

she wants it. If you are a girl who would never think of asking a guy for his number, just remember to take the extra initiative and it may pay off one day. Besides, you'll never know if you never try.

Guys: A lady asking for your number does not jeopardize your masculinity. If anything, it means this girl likes you enough to make sure she gets your info so that she can see you again. You know what it is like to put yourself out there and ask for someone's number, so imagine how this woman is feeling asking for yours!

A lot of men seem to think that if the girl calls first, it means she is needy or desperate. Why does this rule apply to women calling men and not the other way around? I say that this idea is total crap. We are all college students who just want to connect with other people, trying to

meet someone we can actually have a conversation with and not want to kick out of our bed in the morning. Therefore, don't discriminate against a woman who is more aggressive than others.

Ladies and, Guys: Do something fun and unexpected. Challenge the dating rules around you. I mean, you could go on using the same old system forever, but without ingenuity and guts, we might all still be doing our homework by candlelight.

If you are feeling someone, don't just poke them on Facebook. Talk to them! Invite them out for coffee, even the most passionate and successful relationships all started out as fledgling, awkward encounters. It's hard to put yourself out there, but once you stop over-analyzing and just go for what you want, the results will be very rewarding.

"What will my friends

think?" I ask myself this question a lot when deciding how to pursue a guy. Is he cute enough? Is he popular? The opinions of peers can be very important, but also sometimes unnecessary.

In the end, your roommates and friends are not going to lie in bed with you and snuggle, and if they do then that is the subject for a whole other column. Your friends will always be there to watch out for you, but if you are seeking some sexual comforting, I suggest listening to the voice in your head and not the others outside it, in regards to your potential romantic partners.

It's going to take a lot more effort than just rubbing your hands together, some hot chocolate or even a fire to keep warm this winter and sadly, there is no end in sight.

Don't spend this time shivering alone, get out there and heat up your love life! Stay sexy, stay safe Muhlenberg!

LOVE
&
LIFE

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: WHAT SHOULD THE NAME OF THE NEW RESIDENCE HALL AT 22ND & CHEW STREETS BE?



"Since we have a South & East...why not North Hall."
- Stacy Romascavage '07



"It should be named Calypso after President Helm's dog."
- Matt Roessler '08



"My Little Pony Hall."
- Andrea Bloomfield '09



"The Fred & Ginger Building."
- Hugh Trimble '10



"Antarctica's Hall of Fame."
- Suzie Holt '08

Compiled by Kim Nguyen

AMC Weekend Listings



Smokin' Aces

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Because I Said So

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Epic Movie

Fri. 4:50, 7:50, 10:10
Sat. 4:50, 7:50, 10:10
Sun. 1:50, 7:50, 7:50

Hannibal Rising

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

Norbit

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Epic Movie

Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:00
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:00
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

Night at the Museum

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 9:50
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 9:50
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

Dreamgirls

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

Movies to sweeten up your Valentine's Day

By Darcy Trumpler & Riley Snyder
WEEKLY GUEST WRITERS

Ah, Valentine's Day! 'Tis the season of Hallmark cards, red roses and overpriced chocolate, not to mention those tasty confectionary hearts with deeply poetic inscriptions of "B-Mine" and "2 Sweet." For many, this means dining out and exchanging gifts with your sweetie--but perhaps you've exhausted this custom. Why not stay in and watch a movie?

So grab the popcorn and heart-shaped candies, because whether you're single or taken, who can go wrong with a Blockbuster night?

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Historical: They say poetry is the language of love...

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Pride and Prejudice (1995, BBC Drama) Literature-lovers won't be able to resist the romantic plot between feisty Elizabeth Bennet and fickle Mr. Darcy.

Horror: For those who prefer blood to chocolate...

Valentine (2001, Warner Bros) Remember that kid everyone ignored on Valentine's Day?--He remembers you. Talk about a creepy tagline. After years of date rejections, a cherub-mask wearing killer knocks off the ladies that turned him down in high school.

Single: So maybe you're feeling a little anti-Valentine's...

Intolerable Cruelty (2003, Ethan Coen) George Clooney and Catherine Zeta Jones sizzle in this cynical romance full of scandal and pre-nuptials.

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tune of the year.

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Cliché: We saved the best stuff for last. Predictable and sappy--grab the Kleenex!

The Notebook (2004, New Line Cinema) Girls, let the tears flow. Guys, you're sure to score some major points if you sit through this with your honey, but face it, you're whipped.

Titanic (1997, Twentieth Century Fox) Three hours of boat-rocking love, lust and drama. For the super-emotional, the tears will be rolling before you have time to say, "Iceberg, right ahead!"

Men: You sat through *The Notebook* and have suffered long enough. The following provide some romance without the sacrifice of cinematic entertainment...

Braveheart (1995, Paramount Pictures) Mel Gibson dominates in this film of epic battles and sweet Scottish accents. Not exactly romantic, but he is set on avenging his wife's death.

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Mule Profile: Matthew Sallese

For this Athlete, there is no 'off-season'

By Kim O'Brien
ASST. LIFE EDITOR

For student-athlete senior Matthew Sallese, there is no off-season. "When one sport ends, the other begins. I kind of like it that way. It keeps me focused year-round," states the senior. This focus is what has led Sallese to excel both on the football field as an offensive guard and in the shot put circle for winter and spring track.

Balancing multiple sports and academics is nothing new to Sallese, who lettered in baseball, football, track and basketball throughout high school in his hometown of Wakefield, Mass. Earning his high school football team's MVP award, as well as spots on two State All-Star teams, Sallese was recruited by Muhlenberg for football; however, he has proven to be a valuable asset to the Track Team as well, serving as the Men's Team Captain along with seniors Stephen Rothwell, Lex Mercado and Cameron Smith. "He didn't even compete in track until his junior and senior year of high school, but his numbers in throwing caught our attention," said Head Track and Field Coach Brad Hackett. His recent throw, a personal best of 47-

0.25, puts him in fourth for Muhlenberg's all-time top performances list, and with each track meet he gets closer to the top. He is currently ranked third in the entire Centennial Conference.

"Matt has really matured as an athlete. We're really pleased with how he's progressing," stated Hackett. This progression was not an easy road. Competing freshman year was a tough adjustment for Sallese, both on the track and the football field. The weight of the shot-put increases at the Collegiate level and adjusting to this change took time and practice. Reflecting back on his freshman year of football, Sallese stated, "I remember getting my first time in as a freshman [playing defensive tackle] and thinking, 'Wow, every game is now like an All-Star game.' Everybody was good. Everybody out there was the best."

As a veteran athlete at Muhlenberg, Sallese has seen the competition levels of Centennial Conference athletics rise. He noted that in shot-put, a throw of 42 feet placed him in fourth at the Centennial Conference Championships. "Now, that throw would barely get me into finals." The same goes for football. "The league is

really even," he said, noting that at many points in the season multiple teams were tied for first place. "There are no easy games. Everything really counted."

Competing year-round has its ups and downs. Sallese has dealt with his fair share of injuries, from a broken finger and shoulder injury to sprained ankles and strained hips. His senior season of football was slightly curtailed by a foot injury, requiring him to wear a sprain foot-cast. But when game time arose, the boot came off and he gave it his all. "Injuries hold you back from what you're capable of, but at the same time, you've got to keep going."

Sallese has proven to be a solid student both on the athletic playing field and in the classroom. This athlete also has a musical side. Along with his major in Economics, Sallese also picked up a major in music. "I play the guitar a lot. I've been playing for nine years, and began taking lessons this year. That's been a new transition and a challenge completely different from sports," he stated. He also plays the bass drums and cello. Upon graduation, Sallese notes that he would like to get a job in the financial field and still plans on keeping athletics and music in the game plan. He hopes to compete in open track meets after graduation.

Reflecting on his past four years of athletics at Muhlenberg, Sallese noted that one of his favorite memories was Football Senior Day. "We absolutely destroyed Gettysburg," he stated. Track has had a host of good times too. "I've really enjoyed the last two years of track," he said. "I've become more comfortable with the sport. A lot of people on the team have become some of my closest friends at Muhlenberg." He notes that campus has become home, in fact, "I catch myself calling Muhlenberg home. My life here over the past four years has made this home."

But before he graduates from this home, Sallese is focusing on the sports season at hand. His track season goals include breaking the indoor and outdoor record and placing top three in the Conference. "It's definitely a reasonable expectation that he'll break both school records," noted Coach Hackett. Sallese hopes to add more shot-put medals to the collection, as he has consistently placed in the top eight of the Conference for almost every season of track. And just one-fourth of an inch shy of the ECAC-qualifying shot-put mark, it is almost certain that he will be competing there soon. Track Coach Hackett optimistically predicts, "Ultimately, all the hard work is going to pay off."

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she concentrates more. Your best players do you no good if they are on the bench."

After winning a close game at home the Mules traveled to Alvernia to take on the Crusaders. The Mules who have had to fight from behind to win a bunch of games this year had to do it once again. The Mules did have a 45-41 lead at half time but could not hold on to the lead in the second half.

The Crusaders took a six point lead 66-60 with 11:15 to in the game. However, the Mules would go on a 7-0 run and regain the lead. From the 8:46 mark on their would be four ties until Courtney hit a three pointer from the corner to give the Mules the lead for good 76-73. This basket was Courtney's 1000th point. She became the 5th Muhlenberg woman to score 1000 points in her college career.

Courtney was 7-7 from the foul line and 3-3 from three point range as she scored 28 points and grabbed 13 rebounds. She also had a career high five assists and tied a career high with four blocks. She scored 11 of the Mules final 17 points as the Mules ended up winning the game 90-81.

The Mules also got a solid contribution from Wright with 16 points as she and Courtney took a place in Muhlenberg history grabbing their 73 collegiate win.

The Mules return to conference play this week with a game Saturday at conference leader #25 McDaniel. They then play Dickinson next Tuesday and finish up the season on the road vs. Ursinus Sat. Feb. 17. With wins against McDaniel and Dickinson the Mules could avenge two of their three losses from earlier in the season.

Also, if the Mules win out and McDaniel loses twice the Mules could have the chance to host the Centennial Conference tournament for the second straight year.

Either way, this Mules team will be a definite threat and a tough match up for anyone in the conference tournament.



With football already on his schedule, Matthew Sallese also excels at shot-put.

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A True Champion: How Tony Dungy Persevered to Win "The Lord's Way"

By Zack Gugenheim
SPORTS COLUMNIST

On Sat. Feb. 4, 2007 Indianapolis Colts Head Coach Tony Dungy became one of the select few coaches to ever win a Super Bowl Title.

He and his Colts squad defeated the Chicago Bears 29-17 to win the franchise's first Super Bowl Championship since moving to Indianapolis, as Dungy became the first African-American Head Coach to ever win a Super Bowl. These two facts alone (accompanied by Quarterback Peyton Manning's quest to win a Super Bowl), were enough to drive the media into a frenzy during the two week preparations. However, it was something else that truly motivated Dungy.

Although he acknowledged his accomplishment becoming the first African-American Head Coach to win the Super Bowl, at the end of the night, he disclosed his true accomplishment, winning "The Lord's Way." As an Evangelical Christian myself, I was amazed that he was so willing to even say that comment, as there always seems to be controversy, anger and frustration from other people. It's for those reasons in which I find it so hard to share my faith with others. However, Dungy was bold enough to say in front of a nationally televised audience, that he dedicated his team to God. Not only does he say it, he backs it up on and off the field of how it is his dedication to God, not football, is what drives him.

Coach Dungy's Head Coaching experience began in 1996 when he was signed to a contract with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Throughout the years, he began building a team that would soon be a championship team. Ultimately, his efforts helped the Buccaneers win their first Super Bowl

Championship in franchise history. Unfortunately, Dungy didn't win a ring because he had been fired the year before. Although he had built the team, he would never get credit for it, and was forced to move on. He went to Indianapolis to coach the Colts, and instead of complaining about getting shafted from a chance at glory, he was patient and knew that, "in all things, God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28)

His faith was tested again, this time with family tragedy. His eldest son committed suicide, and at a time where his football team again was on the verge of greatness. At that time, they were 14-1, and were considered the most dangerous team in the NFL, but he knew that family was first. He left the team for their season-ending game, and he and the Colts didn't recover for the rest of the season, as they again were unceremoniously eliminated early in the playoffs. However, the one thing he uttered over and over in his press conferences, whether they dealt with the untimely death of his son, or the loss that their football team endured, was, "My faith in Christ will help my family and I through these times..."

Now, after countless times of being eliminated in the playoffs, being let go by a team that won a championship a year after, and losing his son, he still remained patient, and coached the team his way. He remained calm on the sidelines, continued to encourage his players to serve the community, and continued to believe in his steady foundation. His patience and faith culminated in a victory of Super Bowl 41, and he knew exactly who to give thanks to the Lord.

Tough CC Battles for Wrestlers

By Heather Fox
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

On Wed. Jan. 31, the College took a tough loss to Ursinus. A huge turnout of fans watched the team battle, at the time, an undefeated rival. The team came up only six points short. Sophomores Billy Hall (133) and Rob Kein(141) took important decision wins. Senior Matt Loesch (197) took a major decision against his opponent 14-0. Junior Joe Tartar (HWT) pinned his opponent in 3:26. The final team score was 22-16.

This past Saturday the College wrestled their final Centennial Conference bouts. Washington & Lee hosted the College, Ursinus and McDaniel. The Mules lost to W & L, 18-16, but came back to defeat McDaniel 34-16. Washington & Lee surprised spectators with a win over Ursinus, ending their undefeated CC winning streak.

Highlighting the W & L match was sophomore Billy Hall's pin at 133. Also with a win was junior Joe DeCampo taking a major decision over his opponent at 149. Sophomore

Matt Horn, 184, took his match 6-4. Senior Matt Loesch also won his bout 6-1 at 197 lb. The College fell by only two points. The team was disappointed, but had more to prove.

The second match-up showed the wrestlers' skill and will to win. Senior Michael Tennenhaus won by forfeit at the 125 lb weight class. Three mules won by pinning their opponents, Hall, Horn and junior Chris Swensen (HWT). Horn took only 1:26 to pin his opponent. Decampo majored his second opponent as well. Junior David Lavin (165 lb) and Loesch took their wins by decision. In a final score of 34-16, the College won their final CC dual-match.

Hall, DeCampo, Horn and Loesch all went 2-0 for the day. Hall and Loesch took their CC dual records to an undefeated 7-0 for this season. Loesch finished his CC dual-match career undefeated in conference match-ups.

The Mules are tied with W & L with a CC record of 5-2. The team stands with an overall record of 5-4-1. This Friday at 7:30 p.m. the College hosts Messiah.

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feet in the pole vault, which clenched her first place. This vault was within one inch of the Centennial Conference record and within two inches of the NCAA provisional standard.

Junior Sara Gearin excelled once again in the distance events. Gearin finished third overall in the 3000 meters, with a time of 11:11.15. Fellow distance runner sophomore Janette Adams finished the 5000 meters in 19:23.36, claiming fourth place. Sophomore Kathryn Niedzwiecki had a strong performance in the 500 meters, finishing in sixth place with a time of 1:25.73.

Individuals on the men's team also excelled, as five athletes placed within the top eight in their events. Sophomore David Chorney claimed first place in the 3000 meters, with an ECAC qualifying time of 8:51.84. This time ranks second in Muhlenberg Track and Field history. Classmate

Stuart Udis captured third place in the 500 meters. Udis's time of 1:08.02 qualified him for the ECACs.

Senior Matthew Sallese threw a distance of 47.25 in the shot put, improving his personal record by two feet. Sallese is now within .75 of an inch of the ECAC qualifying standard. Patrick Thornton ran the 1000 meters in 2:40.89 to claim 8th place, while teammate senior Tim Seeley took 4th in the mile with a time of 4:29.70.

Of the team's recent success, sophomore Ross Cohen, a ridiculously good looking distance runner, said, "Our team is analogous to Bad Boy Entertainment in that we proceed to give you what you need." Cohen then added that with conferences only three weeks away, "The time and effort put into training will soon pay off in the crucial weeks to come."

Both the men's and women's teams return to competition again on Fri. Feb. 9 at the Lafayette Rider Winter Games.

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Men's basketball ends losing streak

By Victoria Davis
ASS. T SPORTS EDITOR

Going into a game on Wed. Jan. 31 at Haverford, the Mules were ready to rid themselves of a nagging 7-game losing streak that they just couldn't shake. And they wouldn't, at least not against Haverford. The Mules began the game with a 5-14, 4-9 record, battling a Haverford team with a 9-10, 8-5 record. This game would only add a tally into the loss column, as Muhlenberg played on what can only be described as an "off day," shooting 32.6 percent from the field and totaling only 39 points, the lowest number of points for the Mules in 25 years. Haverford topped their 39 points with 56 of their own, taking a decisive victory. However, there was a bright spot for the Mules as senior Chris Pothering reached a personal milestone as he hit his 100th career three-point-

er. Senior Chris Huber had a team high of 10 points, and senior Tom Scott added six rebounds in the losing effort.

Putting their 1-9 record for January behind them, the Mules prepared for their alumni game against Franklin & Marshall on Sat. Feb. 3. With former Mules cheering them on, the team pulled off an exciting win. They finished the first half shooting only 27 percent, and it looked like the losing streak might reach nine games. Two minutes into the second half, Muhlenberg found themselves in a huge hole of 18 points. But then, something seemed to snap, a switch was hit, and the Mules began their memorable comeback. They put the pressure on the fading Diplomats, going on an 8-0 run with nine minutes remaining in the game, and took a one-point lead. The teams began swapping

leads, and the nail-biting commenced. The Mules never let up and shot an impressive 59 percent in the second half. With seconds left, senior Jimmie Riggins launched a baseball pass down the court for Scott, who was quickly fouled. With just 2.2 seconds left in the game, Scott brushed off the pressure and nailed his free-throws to win the game for the Mules. Scott scored a team-high 19 points and grabbed 11 rebounds for the double-double. Behind him was Huber who hit three three-pointers in the win and totaled 16 points.

The Mules put on a show for their alumni, and were ecstatic to put their losing streak in the past. After one of their worst losses, they were able to come back in the next game and finish strong. Now, with a game against Swarthmore coming up, hopefully they can begin piecing together a long string of wins.



Tom Scott's double-double helped lead the Mules to a thrilling victory over Franklin & Marshall. His final free-throws gave his team the lead for good.

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Women's Basketball holds strong

By Josh Goldstein
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

After going 2-1 in a tough three-game week the Women's Basketball team went right back to work on Tues. Jan. 30 with another three-game week. The Mules opened up the long week with a game at Haverford.

While the Mules were heavy favorites over the (4-14 3-10) Fords, the Mules found themselves down by as many as nine points in the early second half. However, as this group of girls always seems to do, they played their best basketball when the pressure was the hottest. They quickly went on a 12-3 run to tie the game and it would stay close the rest of the way.

With four minutes to go and the score tied, Senior Meghan Courtney made a lay-up to give the Mules the lead for good. After a Fords turnover, one of their 29, sophomore Lauren Boyle hit a 17 foot jump shot to give the Mules some insurance. The Mules would hold on to win the game 61-56 improving

their record to 16-3 and 11-3 in the conference.

The Mules were lead in scoring by Lauren Boyle with 21 points and Courtney chipped in with 19 points to make up 2/3 of the Mules point total for the game. Courtney also led the way with nine rebounds narrowly missing a double double. This would be the Mules last conference game of the week.

After the come back win on the road Tuesday, the Mule returned home Thursday to face local rival, The Moravian College Greyhounds. The winner of the game would add another point to their schools Matte award point total for the year.

The Mules may have been a little worked from their previous game as the Greyhounds started the game on an 8-0 run. However, very quickly the Mules snapped back into gear and went on a 9-2 run of their own to trail 10-9 with 13:03 remaining in the first half.

The Mules would take their first lead 13-12 off a Lauren Boyle Jump shot. And after Moravian tied it back up, they took the lead

back off an Erin McSherry basket with 2:40 left to give the Mules a 21-19 lead. The Mules would end the first half up 27-22 finishing the half off with a Boyle lay-up.

The Second half saw a close fought battle between the two Lehigh Valley teams. Moravian opened up the second half on a 9-4 run to tie the game and would battle the rest of the way. Moravian would take a three-point lead 48-45 with 9:48 to go. The lead would increase to 59-52.

However, the Mules would answer with a 7-0 run topped off by Courtney's two free throws. Down the stretch, the Mules received big three point baskets from senior Emily Wright and junior Abra Like and would finally grab the lead for good 64-62 after a Courtney lay-up assisted by Wright who passed up a three for the easier shot.

The Mules would play good defense and shoot free throws well down the stretch to hold on for the 68-65 win. The Mules now have

a 7-2 lead in the Matte Award contest.

The Mules were led by Boyle who had a career high 29 points on 8-20 shooting. However, she was a perfect 12-12 from the foul line and also was 4-4 on her last four field goal attempts. Boyle said that playing all these close games has made her grow up quickly as a basketball player. Her maturity certainly shows as the Mules are 23-3 in games decided by five points or less in the last two years. Freshman Kaitlyn O'Malley also tied a career high scoring 10 points.

While coach Ron Rohn was very proud of the game Boyle had, he also wanted to point out the big plays made by Wright, Like and Courtney at the end of the game. Like and Courtney both played great defense down the stretch both having four fouls.

Rohn said, "Abra is used to playing with four fouls and I have confidence with Meg having four because

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Track and Field continue to find success

By Maura Hendsey
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

On Fri. Feb. 2, the Men's and Women's Track and Field teams hosted the Muhlenberg Multi. Several Muhlenberg athletes competed in this pentathlon, which consisted of five events.

Junior Michael Karchner finished in first place overall, accumulating 3,102 points, which is the second best score in team history. Karchner achieved personal records in his first three events on his way to ECAC

qualification. Junior Adam Carter also qualified for the ECAC Championships in the pentathlon, finishing with 3,015 points. In the women's competition, senior Rachel

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Drosdick won with 2,670 points, only 30 points shy of ECAC qualification. She did, however, qualify for the ECACs in the long jump. Fellow senior Kim David also

excelled in the pentathlon, earning 2,212 points.

On Saturday, several Mules traveled to East Stroudsburg's DeSchraver Invitational where they competed against the top Division I, II and III athletes in the area. Both members of the men's and women's teams shined amongst this fierce competition. After consistently clearing 10 feet for the past two weeks, freshman Alex Faust cleared a height of 11



Sophomore Stuart Udis competed in the 500 meters and qualified for the ECACs.

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Debate for who will be the next Student Body President

By Sara Horowitz
NEWS EDITOR

On Tues., Feb. 20 in the Garden Room, members of the College community came together for the annual Student Body President debate. Ryan Campbell '08, current Student Body President, officiated the debate. Although the three candidates all had diverging platforms, the common theme echoed throughout was the need for unity amongst the Student Body.

David Dolan '08, was first to give his two minute opening statement in which his main focus would be to "strengthen the Muhlenberg community." Dolan's four main areas of improvement were parking, expanding food options, building a new parking garage and making the College more eco-friendly.

Scott Gordon '08, expressed his belief that his experience as Class President would help him generate positive change. His three-part plan includes the unification of the Student Body with Student Council which includes creating more student space in

Seegers Union. Part two of the plan involves providing a coffee cart in the library and working to make meal plan options available at locations outside the campus. Part three would focus on improving parking and transportation.

Matt Fash '09, started the Pep Band his first year, serves as the President of his class, started the Campus Watch program and brought the Accountability Resolution to Council. He stated his "involvement with all these organizations shows the leadership ability" he possesses to improve Student Council and make sure more voices are heard.

Campbell asked the candidates a series of questions before members of the audience were called upon to ask questions of the three candidates. Brian Galgano '08, asked, "What is one action that current Student Body President, Ryan Campbell, has taken thus far which you have respected, and if elected Student Body President, what do you want to be respected for?" Gordon responded that he appreciated Campbell's ability to walk into a hostile environ-

ment and gain the respect of everyone in the room. Gordon hopes to be respected for his ability to unify the campus. He believes that the 2006 Henry Awards, which he organized, helped to do so by bringing out a great deal of the Student Body to celebrate numerous and diverse student organizations.

Dolan said he respected Campbell's approachability. Dolan hoped to be remembered for his ability to let student voices be heard. Dolan hopes that his dependable and responsible nature will make him a reliable source for students to come to with problems. Dolan believes that "Student Council has not gotten enough done" and wants to make sure all students, all student groups and non-Student Council members are heard so that he can make a difference. Dolan also said he respected "Campbell's likeability amongst the students" and hopes that his position as a Resident Advisor and having to deal with peer mediation issues will enable him to be an effective Student Body President.

Fash expressed his admiration for Campbell in how he dealt with the Accountability Resolution. Part of the Student Body President's responsibility is being able to remain completely unbiased on issues despite one's own personal convictions. Fash hopes that his involvement in other "legitimate organizations" will help him do the same things. Fash, if elected, hopes to be respected for his ability to create change with the help, input and backing of the Student Body.

On issues such as Greek

Interdisciplinary concentration turns

By Kelly Love
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Until recently, African American studies was merely an interdisciplinary concentration at the College, offering students who wished to pursue study in this area no official credentials for their study. Although students could take classes to fulfill the concentration, no evidence of it would appear on their diploma upon its completion. This problem has been rectified thanks to the petitioning and support of a number of professors at the last faculty meeting. Mary Lawlor, Director of American Studies, and Charles Anderson, the new head of African American Studies, co-wrote the proposal to create an interdisciplinary African American Studies minor, which was recently approved.

Many favorable changes will be brought about by this movement, beginning with the ability to have a degree with African American Studies listed as an officially completed minor. Lawlor explained, "In contrast to the rather open-ended 'African American Studies concentration' that's currently in the catalog, the new minor provides a specific curricular structure, faculty direction and advising, as well as a credential for the students who pursue it."

The development of the African American Studies minor also aims to attract a more diverse faculty with skills and knowledge that can not only contribute to the minor, but add a new perspective to other areas of curricula.

We can also expect to see new classes added and the curricula of classes already focusing on African

American Studies expanded. Daniel Wilson, Chairman of the Curriculum Committee who approved the African American Studies minor, explained some changes that will occur within the History department as a result of the new minor. He said, "The History department is proposing to split the African American History course into two courses." The first course would be taught by Judy Ridner, Associate Professor in History and Director of Center for Ethics, and would deal with African American history leading up to the year 1896 and the *Plessy v. Ferguson* Supreme court decision, which legalized the "separate but equal" doctrine that brought about the idea that segregation based on classifications was legal as long as facilities were of equal quality. The second African American history course would primarily deal with historical events in the 20th century, and would be taught by Susan W. Clemens-Bruder, History Professor.

According to Anderson, as a result of the creation of the African American Studies minor, a new course, Introduction to African American Studies, is being developed to add to the courses offered for the minor. This course will be taught on a rotating basis, one of five or so professors who are related to the African American Studies minor will teach the course each year, beginning with Anderson, who is working to develop the course.

Although the College was somewhat behind other colleges in the nation in offer-



Scott Gordon '08, David Dolan '08 and Matt Fash '09
are candidates for Student Body President.

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Gordon thinks outside the box

As an organization that relies heavily on Student Council to work with us to generate ideas and keep students informed, we feel that the answer to the question, "Who should be the next Student Body President?" lies in the idea of who can pull Council together and get the respect that they need. While we value all three candidates, we feel that one can do this better than the rest. The Editorial Board of *The Weekly*, while recognizing the strengths of all candidates, endorses Scott Gordon '08 to be the next Student Body President.

Gordon, who has been the 2008 Class President for the past three years, has the experience and the much-needed respect to fill this position. He has proven himself to be an innovative thinker and a valuable asset to Student Council as well as a well-rounded student and all-around campus leader. Gordon serves as a Student Advisor, Tour Guide and is an active member of Cardinal Key Society. "Sometimes you have to think outside the box and do something different," boasted Gordon during his opening statement. Gordon's plans for the upcoming year include: the addition of a coffee kiosk in the Library, enabling meal plans to be used at local restaurants, making flex compatible with soda, vending and laundry machines, bringing ZipCar (a rental car service) to campus and instituting a pub in The Red Door Café. Okay, so maybe that's a few things, but they are all feasible tasks, some of which are already in the works.

Matt Fash '09, is also a campus leader, serving as 2009 Class President this past year and as a Student Advisor. He also started the Pep Band and Campus Watch Rangers and continues to actively lead and participate in both. We feel that his drive and determination to start new things is great, for a Representative, but not necessarily for a Student Body President who will ultimately be forced to lose his voice on Thursday nights. David Dolan '08, a Resident Advisor, has been quick to criticize over the past few weeks and although we realize that an outside perspective and a fresh approach could bring great things to the College, we believe that some experience is key to effectively represent and voice the opinions of the Student Body.

While all candidates aim to strengthen the bond between Student Council and the Student Body we feel that Scott Gordon has the most potential to foster growth.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

This week marks a significant time in the future of the College as the Student Body embarks in electing its next Student Body President. At this time last year, I was involved in acquiring signatures, painting a banner, hanging flyers and other campaigning efforts. Although I lost by a mere 12 votes, the true tragedy (besides the ridiculous political slander that took place) was the total number of voters for the election.

505 students participated in voting for a student to represent their voice as the Student Body President. So what? This is barely 25% of the entire Student Body. How can a person represent the students without a sufficient vote from their representative body?

What is a Student Body President? While some argue this position to be a puppet of the administration, this position does have the potential to be more. A Student Body President should actively keep members of Student Council accountable for their actions. A Student Body President should remain unbiased, trustworthy and genuine. A Student Body President should be active in communicating with their constituents, however, at the same time their constituents need to be active in caring about the Student Body President position.

Make the click on Monday. Take the 30 seconds out of your day and vote for your next Student Body President.

Act It. Speak It. Do It!
Kim Nguyen '07

Make the choice to end corruption in Student Council

By Adrian Shanker
WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

Since the corruption and scandals of the 109th congress, we Americans have grown all too accustomed to a corrupt leadership. Even

with indictments, resignations or the lost campaigns of Tom DeLay, Jack Abramoff, Alan Hevesi, Bob Ney and the too many others, it seems as if we just do not care how corrupt our leadership is (as evidenced by the people of New Orleans voting to reelect exposed Democrat William Jefferson this past November).

At Muhlenberg, we should hold our elected representatives to a higher standard. We should not allow them to allocate themselves a blank check. We should not allow the treasurer of Student Council to threaten student organizations. We should not have allowed a Spring 2006 Student Council to spend thousands of dollars on the "one-night-stand" Henry Awards ceremony (which I did not attend, despite that a group I was involved in was nominated and won an award.) And most importantly, we should never allow a member of Student Council to stifle debate and criticism among students, as was advocated by Brian Goldberg '08 in last week's issue of *The Weekly* on the Accountability Resolution.

Basic theory on leadership dictates that the represented, especially in a form of democracy, has the right (and in many cases the duty) to criticize and to call out bad moves by their elected leaders. But at the College, we are only a few shots away from Tiananmen Square. When a student writes to an elected leader, for example, the Treasurer of Student Council, and complains about the threatening nature of her emails to student leaders, and receives an email back saying that she is "appalled and disgusted after reading your email" proves my point. Some members of Council are, simply put, unable to take any criticism from their constituency. Instead, they

take it as a personal attack, when in reality it is meant to keep them in line, as an elected leader.

On Monday, students have a choice to make, and there are a few. Pure apathy is one of course. The majority of Americans seem to feel the need to not vote (which is their constitutional right) and likewise, students have right not to vote on their Student Body President. Or for students who care about the leadership at the school where their parents are paying exorbitant amounts of money for them to attend, they can vote for the same leadership we have had, which has involved no accountability of council members, wasteful spending and a neglect of small student organizations. Or they can vote for a changed leadership with significantly less corruption and a strong push for self-accountability.

Recording Secretary Lisa Harrison is right, if you don't make an effort, then stop complaining. If you don't vote, then deal with whoever is elected to spend your money--that's fine.

But students have the right to vote, the right to complain and the right to criticize their elected leadership. I will personally be voting to keep our elected representation accountable for their actions. We need a regime change at the College before we become the house that Jack Abramoff built.

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Fear and loathing in the NBA



Joe Caporoso
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

may wonder why I started my article with an obvious statement. I did this because it kept running through my head as I was bombarded with constant news about homosexual basketball players and people who dislike them.

For those who don't keep up with current events, a former NBA player, John Amaechi, announced in his recently published book that he is gay. Amaechi played in the league for a brief amount of time and never did anything

There are all different types of people in this world. People with different sexual orientations, people with different levels of tolerance and people with different skill sets and we all coexist side by side in this country we call America.

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notable while playing in America. Now that he is retired, he made the announcement and will sell a lot of books, and that's good for him. Yet, quite annoyingly, the coverage was on ESPN 24/7. It's an interesting issue to discuss for a day or two, because he worked in an environment that is notoriously homophobic. However, the story was simply beaten to death. If some backup center that played in the NBA for four years is gay, what does that mean to me as a sports fan? I would rather hear about the upcoming games for the night or the playoff race. I know there are homosexuals in this country, and it's not shocking that some of them play basketball. This is not groundbreaking news.

I don't look at Amaechi as a hero or someone who was being courageous. If he had come out of the closet while he was playing, then it would be a different story. He waited until he retired and wrote a book, and then made the announcement. It will help him gain a profit in sales, and then his 15 minutes of fame will come and go.

Just when it finally looked like the story was going away, another revelation happened that would dominate the news for yet another week. While on a Miami radio station, another former NBA player, Tim Hardaway, was quoted as

saying, amongst other things, "I hate gay people." There are bigoted people, intolerant of others just because of their sexual orientation. Again, this is not groundbreaking news. He has since followed with a cliché round of insincere apologies.

Hardaway's clearly a person with some homophobic issues, and if that's his personal choice then that is fine. Yet, a person does not need to advertise such a hateful message to the entire public. This is especially true for someone who serves as a role model in our society, and someone who probably faced some discrimination at one point in their life as an African American.

This entire course of events didn't teach the American public anything new. It only frustrated sport fans who were just trying to get some news about their favorite teams or the upcoming NCAA Tournament. America's a diverse country. We need to accept that all different types of people do all different types of things. People are intolerant; it is wrong, but that is just the way some people are. We don't need nine different shows or specials on ESPN to tell us that.

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A convenient excuse

By Nadine Goldman
WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

Last week, I received a rather bizarre email directed to members of the now inactive Do It for Darfur group on campus. Sent by the Environmental Action Team (EnAcT), the email asserted that the genocide in Darfur "has been partially caused and escalated as a result of climate change causing increased desertification, starvation and water shortages." But never fear! The email went on to explain that "EnAcT is working hard to educate the campus about what each individual can do to combat climate change." Finally, the email encouraged me to get involved by attending the next EnAcT meeting.

My initial reaction was something along the lines of confusion, shock and horror. How could anyone suggest that a genocide that has been going on for three years, in which 400,000 people have been killed and millions more displaced, be the result of climate change? How could anyone suggest that the genocide was caused by something abstract like global warming, while

the Janjaweed militia is murdering and brutalizing more people every day? Finally, I wrote off the email as a lame (and rather disturbing) attempt to get more people to show up to a meeting.

Later on, however, I did some Google searching and realized that our EnAcT group wasn't the first to blame the Darfur genocide on global warming. In an article for *SEED Magazine*, writer Josh Braun claims that Darfur "may well be the first war influenced by climate change" and that "the acknowledgment of how the dispute began" has been "lost in discussions about ending the Sudanese government's attacks on its people." Michael Klare, author of the book *Resource Wars*, suggests that Darfur represents a pattern of resource conflict. He argues that in Africa, the pressures of climate change, population growth, rising consumption patterns and globalization mount into conflicts along ethnic and religious lines "because that's how communities are organized," but Klare

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Read this column and you will find happiness

By Max Lux
WEEKLY OP/ED COLUMNIST

There's a small wooden electric lantern, the kind with translucent paper walls and an oriental aura, sitting on a small shelf in my room. Switched on, it illuminates the wall behind it with an orange-yellow glow, a soft, radiant light unobtrusively filtered: too dim to read by, but just enough to see her face. She looks at me with large, almost predatory eyes, pleading with a hidden smile for some attention, her pajama-clad body wrapped in blankets, sheltered from the bitter cold her insensitive boyfriend lets in through an open window. There's a hushed chuckle of recognition as she notices my description, her eyes straying from her homework to my steady monotone typing. An approving hand reaches up to rub my shoulders. I hate being watched while writing and shoot her a annoyed glare, which quickly softens to a smirk and a quick kiss on her pale cheek.

From the wall above, Daredevil sits back, maskless and relieved, enjoying a moment of peace before the inevitable status quo shift that will no doubt arrive by issue's end. Underneath, and elsewhere, a blonde in mid-backstroke finds herself framed by both the blood-red title somehow hanging overhead, and the titular beast rising from below. I notice the exotic beauty (half Cherokee, part Brazilian and yet none of the above) to my right has shifted position, her body temperate and soothing against my own, a yawn containing the lamentation 'this book sucks' escaping her chapped red lips. Resin gray gargoyle, plastic meditating Spider-man and ceramic Buddha-line the cracked white windowsill; while a seldom-worn cowboy hat hangs lonesome on a facing wall. I never put batteries in my retro-style, Target-bought wall-clock for fear the steady ticking would impart a "Telltale Heart" style madness upon me, and so it hangs as functionless décor. At this very moment, 10:59 p.m., sitting here, typing listlessly on whatever comes to mind, girlfriend lightly dozing right beside, I am content.

It's such a alien thing, contentment, happiness in its most fleeting and invisible form. So often, a split-second after recognition, the feeling is

gone, replaced by a sensation whose equivalent can only be described as existential impotence: an inevitability to again achieve the sense of well-being and complete calm previously experienced. Case in point: the woman to my right has just sat up, answering the obnoxious blare of her cellular phone as it fills the silence with vibrations and cacophonous audio discord. While I am still comfortable, that brief period of collegiate zen has mysteriously vanished, without trace or reason. So, how might we set about attaining the impossible: sustained, continuous contentment, a mind free of self-consciousness and worry and with a sense of paradoxical duality-oneness with life and stark individuality?

Meditation, acupuncture and religion all are excellent ways to center oneself and contact that supposed spirit dwelling within us all. This much has been instilled in our fertile minds since birth, and yet does nothing to ease the immediate gratification impulses that form the center of American culture and economy. I propose a different solution, one of sublime simplicity. So often we disturb and manufacture our environment to suit our defined personal tastes and preferences. This results in a highly individualized

society that lacks both a sense of unity and increases interpersonal distance to the point of cultural and natural atrophy. The opposite must be implemented: we must become aware of ourselves, the essence of our identities outside the social and physical spectrum and allow our environment (whatever setting you currently occupy) to flow around and through us offering broad stability and support, and yet also shaping us along a unique path (our communities and cities are built for this very reason). Once we can make peace with ourselves and the place we naturally (not socially or politically motivated) occupy in the world, then will contentment dwell within us, as opposed to being chased from without. To put it in even simpler terms and to borrow an ageless adage, 'go with the flow'. The oriental lamp is switched off, and the beauty returns to share my bed. We are on two distinctly different paths, and yet sublimely unified by space and mind, heart and time.

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EXCUSE | FROM PAGE 3 believes that "they're really fighting over land or water or timber or diamonds."

My problem with this "connection" between global warming and the genocide in Darfur has to do with the way it confuses our understanding of genocide. Global warming may have something to do with the starvation and disease Darfurians are facing right now; I can't help thinking that the destruction of hundreds of rural villages and the rape of thousands of women and girls by the Sudanese government and the Janjaweed militias might also have something to do with it. Klare's suggestion of a pattern of resource conflicts actually makes the genocide sound rational and justified. The Janjaweed aren't that bad for killing hundreds of thousands of people--they're just faced with a land shortage!

To blame global warming is also horrible injustice to the Darfurians who have suffered. Imagine going up to an Auschwitz prisoner and expressing your outrage at the climate change that caused the bitterly cold winters they suffered through. Your response would be no better than that of those who denied the Holocaust was happening because failure to acknowledge the real causes of the genocide is a form of denial.

Bottom line: buying a compact fluorescent lightbulb may be a good thing, but don't believe for a minute that it will stop the crisis in Darfur. It would be a grave, grave danger to deny the true causes of this horrific genocide.

What would Diddy have to say about the Student Council Elections?

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Answer to Sudoku

Sudoku

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NEW MINOR

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ing African American Studies as a minor, our requirements for the minor are somewhat unique. Students wishing to minor in African American Studies are required to take at least one course related to African American contributions as related to the arts. Anderson explains that the purpose of this requirement is "to help students understand that part of the way

that African American culture has thrived is through the use and development of the arts." As a result of this requirement, we can also expect to see more courses offered related to the history and development of African American art forms.

Many professors who have helped in passing this new minor are excited about the diversity and change it will hopefully bring to the College's campus, but as students we need to help endorse this new minor

offering. Because the proposal for this minor was primarily a professor based initiative to fulfill an apparent need, the sustainability of this minor and the development of other such programs will rely on this participation and articulation of students. Participation in this minor and its related courses, Anderson stressed, "will help diminish this culture of fear around conversations concerning inequalities and race."

DEBATE

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Life, all candidates agreed that it is vital to campus life and should be promoted as a positive way to get involved with the community, steering away of the misconception that it is all about partying. Gordon said, "Greek Life should be seen as a great opportunity for leadership and community service."

Candidates were asked if they had any solutions for the housing process at the College. Fash said he would like to see students voice their concerns to Student Council by attending meetings and then have Student Council voice those opinions to the administration. Gordon wondered if we could look at other colleges, to see what they do and see if their way of housing,

whether it be random, based on grade point average or campus involvement in activities, works better. Dolan echoed this view but also suggested addressing the Office of Residential Services (ORS), and suggested that continuing to build new and better dorms would help the situation as well.

All candidates expressed concern in keeping tradition alive while invoking positive measures for change. Gordon, Dolan and Fash consider that bringing back SPIRIT Week was a great example of this and helped to enhance the College's sense of identity and community.

An issue brought up again and again was the College's apathetic nature. Candidates were asked repeatedly how they planned on getting more

students involved. To rectify this, Gordon said he would try to let "the students know they are the ones with all the power and really do have the ability to change things if they want to badly enough." Dolan said if there are leaders in Student Council who can listen and lead by example, students will take notice of that and follow suite. Fash echoes those statements but also hopes that if Student Council can speak as one voice then the Student Body will see that and want to be a part of that "team effort."

After audience questions were over, the three candidates gave their one minute closing statement which echoed what they had tried to get across at the debate and reiterated their platforms. Anyone can vote for Student Body President on Mon., Feb. 26.

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Artist Curlee Raven Holton lectures on the art of the Harlem Renaissance

By Kim O'Brien
ASST. LIFE! EDITOR

Students interested in the Harlem Renaissance recently had the opportunity to attend "Parallel Influence: The Unwritten Story of the Relationship of Black and White Arts, The Harlem Renaissance as a Source of Inspiration," a lecture given by Curlee Raven Holton on Feb. 15 at 7:00 p.m. It was Sponsored by The Multicultural Center, The Fowler Family Foundation, and The Lehigh Valley Association of Independent Colleges Consortium Professors Program.

Holton, Chair of Lafayette College's art department and a teacher of printmaking and African American Art History, has been professionally exhibiting work for over 25 years in more than 100 exhibits. His work has been displayed in regions reaching as far as Cairo, Egypt to the Cleveland Museum of Art, Yale University and Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts.

"Art is another creative expression of how the African American community sought to find a new vision," stated Holton. While many are familiar with the literature and music produced from the Harlem Renaissance, the

influential art produced from this era is not as recognized. This decade of creative activity was sparked by a large, post-World War I migration of many African Americans from the rural South to the urban North. Many resided in the tenement buildings of 125th St. in Harlem, NY.

Holton noted that the result of this urban art movement was "a unique American expression. It was truly American, but at the same moment, uniquely different. If you look at the context of how the African American experienced the history of America, you can see where things may differ." The renaissance called heavily upon the philosophy emphasized in Alain Locke's 1925 essay "The New Negro." Locke, the first African American Rhodes Scholar, called upon society to shatter the racial, social and psychological obstacles hindering black achievement.

"The Harlem Renaissance is a perfect lens to look through this phenomenon of African American art culture," stated Holton. He helped demonstrate the struggle of Harlem artists to overcome prejudice by showing the PBS film *Against the Odds*, documenting the William E. Harmon Foundation. For

the first time, African American art had a national audience through sponsored exhibitions.

These artists did not achieve success without struggle. They had to establish themselves in a prejudiced world where "even churches and graveyards were segregated," said Holton. "Art had to be modern and accessible to the public. Art had to be tied to the community in order to move them. In short, not simply art for art's sake."

Throughout his lecture,

Holton mentioned the many "heroes that exist within the culture," referring to influential individuals such as W.E.B. Dubois, Paul Laurence Dunbar, Marcus Garvey, Booker T. Washington and artist, Palmer Hayden. Perhaps one of the most important artistic figures of Harlem was Aaron Douglas, whose 1934 mural entitled, "Aspects of Negro Life" adorns a section of the New York Public Library.

Holton concluded his lecture emphasizing that although the Harlem

Renaissance stretched to only a decade's length, its artistic and cultural effects still hold effect. "Black is a construction. White is a construction," he stated. Holton calls on all nationalities to embrace their heritage. As for his past, "I embrace it." He believes that the Harlem Renaissance's embrace and celebration of culture was a new way of "recovering the story. It was almost like therapy; you embrace the pain, bring it to the surface, and then it liberates you."



Dr. Ethel Drayton-Craig, Director of Multicultural Center (far left), joined Dean Green (far right) to hear Holton (center) speak.

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College participates in V-Day campaign

By Elyse Ettin
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

V-Day is a global campaign that is geared towards ending violence against girls and women. The main goals of this campaign are to increase awareness of violence against women, as well as to raise money. The types of violence may include rape, battery, incest and female genital mutilation. In 2006, there were over 2,700 V-Day benefit events taking place in the United States and around the world. V-Day is a non-

profit corporation that is growing in 81 countries from Europe to Asia, Africa and the Caribbean, and all of North America. Funds are distributed to other organizations that aim to stop violence against girls and women.

The College held a V-Day Campaign from Sun., Feb. 11 through Sun., Feb. 18. This has taken place at the College in previous years and has been very successful. "It is a monumental movement that is taking campuses across the country by storm," said John

Jannuzzi '07, Coordinator of the V-Day campaign.

This year, the spotlight was on "women in war zones." On Feb. 11, the V-Day campaign started off with the event "Stop Studying and Stop Violence." This event, sponsored by the Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA), featured movies in the Red Door Cafe. On Feb. 13, a talent show for women, "Louder, Faster, Deeper" took place. On Feb. 15, "Reclaiming Muhlenberg," which broke down gender and sexual boundaries in

academia, took place in the Center for the Arts Recital Hall. At the end of the week, there were three performances of "Vagina Monologues," produced by Desiree Sedehi '08. The purpose of the monologues is to celebrate female sexuality and to fight against violence towards girls and women.

Karen Green, Dean of Students and Vice President of Student Affairs, made her College theatre debut when she participated in the Saturday night performance. "Pussy power" t-shirts and

"pussy pops" were sold in Seegers Union for the duration of the week. A panel of women also spoke at the College. Ten percent of the money raised was donated to the international V-Day campaign and the other 90 percent was donated to Lehigh Valley Turning Point.

Abby Mayerhoff '08, V-Day Coordinator and liaison between the international campaign and the College campaign said, "We were beyond appreciative of the support we received on campus."

Dean Green spices up the Garden Room for Black History Month

By Jamie Schnieder
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Karen Green, Dean of Students and Vice President of Student Affairs, cooked up some soul food goodness for Valentine's Day in the Garden Room on Wed., Feb. 14. Green was initially asked to be a guest chef for Black History Month at Wells College. The first dinner was so successful that the event was planned for each of her five years at Wells. John Pasquarello, General Manager of Sodexo Dining Services of the College, also worked at Wells in the early 90s causing the two to meet early on in Green's career at the College. According to Green, "During my early days on campus upon meeting John, I offered that I would welcome the opportunity to 'Guest Chef' for them. They took me up on the offer." Green worked with Pasquarello and Sharon Venanzi, Operations Manager, to select a menu of her favorite "soul food" dishes and to incorporate a few of her personal family recipes into the menu that

night.

The Garden Room was filled with a wide array of Green's favorite foods that evening, including a wide array of Valentine's Day cakes and cookies.

"The new Sizzle Station was the perfect venue for visibility. Chef Ron and I both love catfish, so that was a no-brainer. We went through three cases of catfish and ran out of collard greens. The evening was a tremendous success," said Green, reflecting on her time spent behind the Sizzle Station frying up catfish for the Student Body.

Students, faculty, staff and friends raved about the menu. "Everything in the Garden

Room was great that night. It was hard to pick what to eat because there was so much selection. Dean Green should pick the food every night," said Leah Wittenberg '09.

Jackie Quici '07, a stu-

dent marketing research intern for Sodexo, talked to Neil Ford, a friend of Ethel Drayton-Craig, Director of the Multicultural Center.

According to Quici, "Ford came for lunch and walked back through the snow for dinner. He loved the food and was thrilled that the College is planning events such as these to celebrate Black History Month."

"I thought it was fabulous to have down home-cooking. The fish that Dean Green prepared and the collard greens that Deborah Noel prepared were 'kicking' as my guest pro-

Best of all was the fun and excitement at the Sizzle Station due to Dean Green decked out for the occasion," said Drayton-Craig.

"When I first met Dean Green I asked her if she would consider doing something with Dining Service for Black History Month. She said it would be her pleasure to cook some of her favorite foods for the students at dinner since she did this in the past at her last school.

As you could see by her outfit, this wasn't the first time Dean Green cooked with Sodexo but it was her first time with Muhlenberg Dining Services and it was such a great hit, we are going to ask her back again! The Dean decided on the menu and our chefs prepared the food with Karen frying the catfish. Oh, and the peach cobbler and the lemon pound cake were Dean Green's delicious recipes! After tasting her desserts she said they were perfect, just as though she made them!" said Venanzi.



Dean Green cooks up some of her favorite dishes in honor of Black History Month.

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Campus Safety Notes

Feb. 12 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to dust from the carpet from the housekeeper on the first floor A Hall of East Hall.

Feb. 12 - Larceny/Theft - A Visa credit card was stolen out of a wallet in a purse in the Garden Room kitchen.

Feb. 12 - Motor Vehicle Accident - Two non-students' cars were up on the sidewalk at Liberty and Albright Streets.

Feb. 13 - Injured Student - Two students on the 2200 block of Liberty Street got bitten by a dog. The dog was identified and City Police as well as the Animal Control Officer are working on the case.

Feb. 13 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A faulty detector caused a fire alarm sounding to take place in Prosser Hall.

Feb. 14 - Injured Student - Students were playing football and one student was hit in the nose. The individual refused transportation to the hospital.

Feb. 14 - Larceny/Theft - A student had \$100 stolen out of her purse in the upper level of Seegers Union.

Feb. 15 - Sick Student - A student on the first floor of Walz Hall had an allergic reaction to hand sanitizer. The student refused transportation to the hospital.

Feb. 15 - Harassment - A student on the second floor of Brown Hall was harassed by her roommate, who threw a highlighter at her. The two students are no longer roommates, and the issue is being handled by the College.

Feb. 15 - Vandalism to Vehicle - A vehicle was egged covering the wind-

shield at 2217 Gordon Street.

Feb. 15 - Harassment by Communication - A student at the Delta Zeta house reported receiving harassing emails. This issue is still being investigated by Campus Safety.

Feb. 16 - Hit and Run - A shuttle van struck a vehicle parked on the front drive. The van driver was unaware of the incident.

Feb. 16 - Larceny/Theft - A laptop and video iPod were taken from a student's unlocked room on the first floor annex of Prosser Hall.

Feb. 16 - Vehicle Violation - A first-year student was fined through the Dean of Students for parking her car in the Seegers Union parking lot.

Feb. 16 - Underage Alcohol - Fourteen individuals were

referred to the Judicial Process for underage possession of alcohol on the fourth floor of Walz Hall. The only person who was not underage was a visitor.

Feb. 17 - Underage Alcohol - One underage individual was found with alcohol in Walz Hall. He was referred to the judicial process.

Feb. 18 - Sick Student - A student on the second floor of Taylor Hall had a stomach virus. The student refused to go to the hospital but spoke to the Health Center.

Feb. 18 - Injured Employee - A Campus Safety officer injured his calf while helping a student push his/her vehicle out of a snow-bank.

Feb. 19 - Vehicle Violation - A car was illegally parked in the faculty/staff parking lot behind the academic buildings and the vehicle was

blocking the driving lane. The vehicle was towed.

Feb. 19 - Unauthorized Person - The male who was previously let into Brown Hall to get out of the cold and was told not to return, was let into the building again. The individual was identified and given a letter of trespass. If he shows up on campus again, he will go to jail.


Feb. 19 - Animal Complaint - The same dog that bit two other students bit another student on Liberty Street. Animal Control was contacted.

Feb. 19 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off in MacGregor Village 113 and 114 due to cooking.

Feb. 19 - Larceny/Theft - A student's purse was lost or stolen at the Powerhouse Café.

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- Dudley Field Malone



***Students celebrate
Joe's Bar Mitzvah***

Joe Grinenko, Director of Programming for Hillel, celebrated his bar mitzvah Muhlenberg style. All students were invited to his old school celebration which included food, drinks, inflatable instruments, sunglasses, eighties music and dancing.

As in a traditional bar mitzvah, there were games like Coke and Pepsi, dances like the Horah and a traditional cake. Students of all ages enjoyed the event. Sponsored by Hillel and MAC, students were able to see an alternative activity to the usual events offered on Friday nights.



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One night stands: step aside men

By Lily Hatfield
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNIST

I feel like I need to empower some of the women on this campus. This is 2007 people! The age of men asking women out on dates is dead. You will be lucky if a guy drives you home after a drunken hook-up and a fake orgasm. It's time to turn the tables. Here it is ladies, the time to turn things around. Take the power. Find the inner jerk and slut inside you.

Fellas, read this article carefully. It will prepare you on how to get along and properly treat a woman who is asking you for a booty call.

If a lady invites you to the shrine that is her bed, you must know that you are a guest and not a permanent resident. She sets the pace; she makes the rules. If she wants to have sex, you are having sex. If she doesn't want to have sex, then don't get all

pushy, over excited, bitchy and moany. You are on her turf and have no say in the matter. If you are invited solely as a booty call do not expect (or ask for) "cuddling." Do expect to perform foreplay and all that comes with it. Do not ask to receive anything; you are the one going down tonight. You should know you are serving one purpose and one purpose only, to get this girl laid.

Failure to do so may result in loss of communication or being thrown out in the snow with no pants on.

After all is said and done, you do not get all the pillows. You will get one pillow if you are lucky. Do not steal all the blankets. Your loss of body heat is hardly her concern. Wash all the cologne off your body before you get in her bed and soil it with your scent.

Do not leave used con-

doms or wrappers around her room or bathroom. Dispose of these properly, wrapped in toilet paper in the trash. Lastly, if you are lucky enough to be invited to spend the entire night in her bed, give her room on her own bed to fall asleep.

In the morning, there is to be no milling around. You were invited over for one reason and one reason only, and now it is time to get to steppin'.

Do not hang around until one or two in the afternoon waiting for her to make you breakfast or lunch. This is not a bed and breakfast. Go to GQ if you are hungry and don't slam the door on your way out.

If you wake up before her and you are horny, do not start poking her in the back trying to wake her up. Do not try to arouse her in any of the following ways: stroking, petting, tickling,

touching, rubbing, massaging or licking. If the girl is asleep, let her sleep damnit! She is probably tired from being up all night, and does not want to be bothered.

Just because you are horny does not mean the rest of the world is. She wants to sleep and the reason she is not waking up no matter how much you poke and prod her is because she is probably trying, as hard as she can, to ignore you and pretend to sleep.

Be courteous guys, and at least wait until she wakes up before you ask for seconds. If you can't wait, here's a tissue and there's the bathroom--use that to hold you over for awhile.

Once she is awake, keep the talking to a minimum. Because after a late night tryst, no one wants to hear about feelings or emotions. Your lady does not want to know how special you

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK: WHAT DO YOU LOOK FOR IN A STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT?



"A handsome Brit that resembles Jude Law."

- Kate Bolger '10



"Relatability to all students."

- Tom Holtz '09



"One whose hips don't lie."

- Greg Pask '08



"Someone who follows through with what they promise to do as president."

- Eli Kallen '09



"A willingness to listen to what students want and take action according to their needs."

- Halley Cianfrani '07

Compiled by Kim Nguyen

AMC Weekend Listings



Tyler Perry's Daddy's Little Girls

Fri. 4:00, 9:30

Sat. 4:00, 9:30

Sun. 4:00

Breach

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 9:40

Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 9:40

Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

Bridge to Terabithia

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:40

Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 9:40

Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Ghost Rider

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 10:00

Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 10:00

Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

Music and Lyrics

Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10

Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10

Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

Norbit

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:00

Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:00

Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

The Number 23

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10

Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10

Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Reno 911: Miami

Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 9:50

Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 9:50

Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

Ririe-Woodbury Dance Company:

bodies in motion

By Meredith Clinton
ASST. LIFE! EDITOR

Last Friday, members of the College had the pleasure of attending the 2007 Baker Artists-in-Residence dance concert. The performance was held by the Ririe-Woodbury Dance Company, which is celebrating its forty third season. The internationally renowned modern company is located in downtown Salt Lake City and is composed of six dancers.

The opening piece of the show, "Degrees of Separation" (2005) was choreographed by Charlotte Boye-Christensen, this year's Baker Artist-in-Resident. According to Boye-Christensen, the work in this piece "was inspired by intimacy and the loss of intimacy, stillness in small spaces, to act and react, to connect and disconnect." The music for this piece, with train sounds persistent throughout to work as a metaphor, could easily be related to many of the signature ges-

tures of the piece.

"Metal Garden" (2000), choreographed by Seán Curran in collaboration with the Company dancers, had a very different feel to it from the previous piece. The music was more upbeat, the dancers had cheerful expressions on their faces and the style of choreography was very different. There was a distinct style used in the movement and positioning of the arms, hands and head placed throughout the piece. The dancers seemed to be having a lot of fun.

"Loose Change" (2005), choreographed by Joan Woodbury with movement vocabulary selected from the dancers' improvisation, was something I was surprised to see in a concert of modern dance. The cowboy hats and blues music were enough to catch anyone's attention. The dancers creatively used props such as metal cans and benches alongside the choreography of the piece, enhancing the theme being used. This was a great way to go

into the intermission leaving the audience excited and wanting more.

The second half of the show opened with "Series 1" (2004), choreographed by Wayne McGregor. Only five of the six dancers performed in this piece, which was "composed of excerpts from several dances." The simple costumes worn in this piece allowed the audience to see the dancers' bodies working to execute the difficult movements that went along with the intricate music.

"Siesta" (1995), choreographed once again by Boye-Christensen, was a piece in which the audience had the opportunity to see only the three women of the company dance. Performed to music from Bizet's "Carmen", the women wore long dresses to assist in portraying the piece as operatic. The piece was both humorous and entertaining to watch with its unique inspiration of three nuns on a journey.

The final piece of the performance was "Bridge" (2005), choreographed by Boye-Christensen.

Returning to traditional modern dance here, the dancers once again used benches as props to help distinguish the message being sent to the audience; the message was, "A line of division...between men and women...that is frequently crossed, resulting in a variety of physical entanglements."

During the Ririe-Woodbury Dance Company's visit to the College, the dancers participated in classes alongside students, taught classes themselves and offered free dance classes on Sat., Feb. 17 for teens and adults. Erin Goldrick '08, said about the program, "Although this isn't the first time I have taken classes with company members, it was the first time for me at the College. It's rare to see a male dancer who has such high extension. I wish my leg would go that high!"

Overall, the company clearly shared and acted upon its philosophy that "dance is for everybody."



A sequence from "Series 1," the first piece in the second act that was composed of pieces from various other dances, illustrated the capabilities and power of the dancers by relying on simple costumes, sparse props and fluid movements.

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think she is because she knows you are full of it.

She perfectly understands that you were her man-slut for the night and doesn't really care about you, your last name, or, least important of all, your hopes and dreams.

If she wants your number, she will ask for it. Don't get sneaky and steal it out of her phone, facebook it or any other type of maneuver.

You shouldn't do this because you better damn well know that when you call her, she is going to be

surprised, and not in a good way.

Women are allowed to have one night stands. This pleasure is not just reserved for the fellas. Ladies, take back the power. You be the one with no feelings or emotions. You be the one in charge, you be in charge of your emotional well-being and your sexual gratification.

Don't feel bad if the stud you brought home was a dud. Just send that punk out to pasture. Wash your sheets and get on with your life. As always, Stay sexy, stay safe Muhlenberg!

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NFL Draft Preview:

Zack's Top Five Running Backs

By Zack Gugenheim
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

With the NFL Draft fast approaching, here are my top five running backs for this year's draft class.

1. Adrian Peterson, Oklahoma

If not for injuries, I would put him as the number one overall prospect of this draft. His measurables (6'2", 220lbs., projected 4.4 40-yard dash time) are incredible. He has run for over 1,000 yards in the past three seasons, including 1925 yards his freshman season when he also was the runner-up to the Heisman Trophy Winner Matt Leinart. He has an incredible blend of speed and power and could become a superstar back in the future like Ladainian Tomlinson and Shaun Alexander. He has great moves and can use his power to break tackles. He doesn't fumble. His production dropped because of injuries, and might be a concern at the next level. However, he has no major knee injuries or anything else that could possibly linger. Ultimately, he could make the biggest impact of any rookie.

Projection: Top five picks.

2. Marshawn Lynch, California

Standing at 5'11" and 217 lbs., this fine running back could be a huge threat at the next level. He has run for over 1,200 yards the past two seasons and has done it by averaging over six yards per carry each season. He is quick and shifty, and definitely has some power in his legs. However, he is a clear number two compared to Peterson. He has also had some issues with lin-

gering injuries, and his amount of carries per season has been light, which could mean durability issues for at least his rookie season. It could also mean he is fresher in the league. He is a tremendous weapon out of the backfield whether he is running or catching out in the flat.

Projection: Mid-1st round.

3. Antonio Pittman, Ohio State

The most under-rated player on the vaunted Ohio State offense this year, Pittman (5'11", 195 lbs.), has rushed his way into an elite group of backs at Ohio State. He was the first running back since 1995 Heisman Winner Eddie George to rush for back to back 1,000 yard seasons. He has very good speed and surprising power as well. He will fight for the extra yard, but can also bounce to the outside. He was one of the few bright spots for Ohio State in the BCS national title game (10 carries for 62 yards and a TD). He will have to gain some weight for the NFL and is probably not a guy that will just be plugged in and have instant success. He hasn't had the type of workload that other backs have had, but has never really been down with injuries either. He doesn't have breakaway speed and isn't "special" like Peterson or even Lynch, but Pittman definitely good enough to be a 1,000 yard rusher, maybe even 1,500 yard rusher in the pros. He wasn't used much in the passing game, but when he was, he was effective. The offensive talent around him may have helped pad his stats.

Projection: Mid-to-Late 2nd round.

4. Brian Leonard, Rutgers

Although he is a fullback, he projects as an in-between guy in the NFL (6'2", 235 lbs.)

He has good enough speed to run the ball, but he is definitely not a guy that jumps at you. An unbelievable pass-catcher, he holds the career record for pass receptions at Rutgers. He is also an effective lead blocker and can fill up two positions by only using one guy. He is also very team oriented, but took back seat to Ray Rice because he wanted the team to win. Leonard is humble, respectable and very intelligent. He can definitely make a huge impact whether it be in the running back position or the fullback position.

Projection: Late 2nd round.

5. Michael Bush, Louisville

A big-time bruiser back (6'2", 247 lbs.), this guy could be the next Jerome Bettis if he stays healthy. A lot of question marks surround him because he broke his leg in the first game of the season. He led the nation in touchdowns in 2005 with 24. He has a big physical frame and has the power to plow people over. He also has some quickness, much like Bettis had. He is in better shape physically than Jerome. Bush is not a speed guy and won't beat a lot of linebackers and cornerbacks, especially in the NFL. He is a straight ahead guy, who needs to follow his blocks. Questions about who he has played against may factor into where and when he is taken, as will his leg injury. He would have been a first rounder and either the number two or three back if he had stayed healthy.

Projection: Late 2nd round-Late 3rd round.

That wraps up the top five running backs. Next week I'll be back with a look at the top five wide receivers.

Playoffs up next for Women's Basketball

By Josh Goldstein
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The Muhlenberg Women's Basketball team came into Tuesday's game against Dickinson with the hopes of getting revenge and even the securing second-place seed in the Conference. Unfortunately, the Red Devils from Carlisle Pennsylvania would be a real challenge for the Mules, especially since junior starting point guard Abra Like was out with a concussion.

Dickinson led by as many as nine points in the first half but the Mules would come and tied the game, keeping it close the rest of the way. Dickinson was very successful at shutting down Muhlenberg's inside

game, holding senior Meghan Courtney to six points on 2-12 shooting. They only allowed five Mules to score, including freshman Kaitlyn O'Malley's who was held to a single point. The Mules were led by sophomore Lauren Boyle's 17 points and senior Emily Wright contributed 12 in the last home game of her collegiate career. The Mules stuck close but in the end could not provide enough offensive fire-power to beat Dickinson and lost 50-42.

The Mules moved onto Ursinus next only to find another very difficult challenge. The Mules would travel down to Collegeville for the Bears' Senior Day. Ursinus needed to win in order to keep their playoff hopes alive. If the Mules won, it would guarantee them the third seed in the playoffs.

The Mules led by as many as eight in first half but only held a two-point lead at half time. The second half would see the Mules go back up by as much as seven points and lead for the majority of the half. However, the Ursinus seniors were desperate to make the playoffs for the first time since 1998, and they kept fighting until they took a two-point lead with under ten seconds to go.

However, in typical Muhlenberg fashion, the team stayed calm and Boyle made a tough lay-up from the left side of the basket to force overtime. It would be the Mules' last field goal in the game. Overtime saw a 7-0 run to start by Ursinus which was only interrupted by sophomore Kaitlin Strumph's free-throw score. The final score was Ursinus 67-56.

Muhlenberg was led by Courtney's 18 points and also benefitted from her ten rebounds for another double-double. However, sophomore Erin McSherry led the team with 13 rebounds as she continued to prove herself as one of the best rebounders in the Conference.

Despite the loss, the Mules still retained the third seed and will travel to McDaniel College on Saturday for Centennial Conference Tournament play. They will once again have the opportunity to beat Dickinson, who swept the season series in two very close battles. If they can win on Saturday, they will most likely play McDaniel on Sunday. We wish the girls good luck as they look to grab their second straight Centennial Conference Tournament Championship.

Mule Profile: Katie Reimann

Leading Women's Lacrosse into the new season

By Victoria Davis
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

Women's Lacrosse has taken off over the past few years at Muhlenberg, and this year should only add to the team's success. Last season, the team had an overall record of 10-6, 3-6 in the Centennial Conference and even broke the previous school record for wins with ten and also for assists with a total of 109. They are looking forward to starting off the 2007 season with a bang. Leading them into another spring season is Katie Reimann, a Captain and senior who is making her mark on Muhlenberg Women's Lacrosse.

A graduate of Waynflete High School in Cumberland, ME, Reimann has provided leadership and dedication for Muhlenberg's Women's Lacrosse. She has been playing since the eighth grade, making the upcoming season her ninth year playing and has worked extremely hard to get to the level she is at today. Throughout the years, Reimann has participated not only in lacrosse but was also a member of the Varsity soccer team and field hockey team at her high school. But here at Muhlenberg, she has decided to focus solely on lacrosse, and she has become a huge impact player for the Mules. She Co-Captains the team with the only other senior, Kelli Sakonshick.

Reimann has been a great competitor over the years. She was honored as part of the Western Maine All Conference Team while also leading her high school team all the way to two state championships in 2001 and 2003. Between those two championship seasons, Reimann sustained a

broken collarbone the fall of her junior year. But she came back and during her senior year, she served as Captain of her high school team.

As a midfielder, Reimann contributes both offensively and defensively. An overall threat, she is currently second on the team of returning players for points with 28, and she ranks third for draw controls with 17. Katie contributed to the Mules' record-breaking statistics last season as she tallied 13 goals and 15 assists.

When she is not on the field, Reimann enjoys baking, reading and of course, running. She is also a member of Alpha Chi Omega. Reimann has found academic success as well, and she works hard as a double major, focusing on Media and Communication as well as Business with a concentration in marketing. After graduation, she hopes to find a job in public relations.

As for the pending season, Reimann is optimistic and ready to get back on the field. She says, "I am so excited for this upcoming season. We just barely missed the playoffs last season so our team goal is to make the Centennial Conference playoffs this year." In 2006, the Mules almost earned a playoff berth in the Centennial Conference for the first time, but they were unable to cling to the final spot. The Mules simply ran out of games as they went on a hot streak just when the regular season closed out. They were forced to settle with finishing the season on a winning note, but outside of the playoff race. However, Reimann knows that this year, the playoffs are a definite possibility. She says, "We lost five seniors last year but the team

looks great. We have lots of energetic and driven players and we should definitely make an impact." Women's Lacrosse kicks off their season at King's on Thurs., March 1 at 4:00 p.m..



Katie Reimann is ready to begin the new season and lead her team as Co-Captain.

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Track and Field turns in record-breaking performances

By Maura Hendsey
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

At the Princeton Invitational on Saturday, the Men's and Women's Track and Field teams showed that they are prepared to take on the Centennial Conference this weekend. The Mules had two school record breaking performances, as well as fifteen incredible performances earning spots on Muhlenberg's all-time top ten lists.

Freshman Alex Faust excelled once again in the pole vault. Faust jumped a height of 11-3.75 feet, which not only extended her own school record, but also broke the Centennial Conference's women's pole vault record. In addition, this vault qualified her for the NCAA national competition. Junior Sara Gearin and sophomore Kathryn Niedzwiecki turned in strong performances in the distance events, finishing fourth in the 3,000 meters and third in the 1,000 meters respectively. Junior Erika Koop and senior Katie Hesselink-Hicks took first and second in the high jump, both jumping a height of 5-1. Senior Jacquelyn Inverso jumped a distance of 35-7.75 feet in the triple jump, which qualified her for the ECAC competition. Koop expressed a great deal of enthusiasm for the upcoming Conference Championships, saying, "This meet allowed us to sharpen up and prepare to compete next weekend. We're all looking forward to the Conference meet, because we have high expectations. We believe that we can do just as good, if

not better, than last year. We're ready to show the Conference what this team is made of."

Another school record was set by sophomore Stuart Udis in the 1,000 meters. Udis finished first with a time of 2:31.80, shattering the previous school record by almost three seconds. Of the Princeton Invitational, Udis said, "The 1,000 was a nice tune-up for Conferences for myself and Dave Chorney. After good performances across the board this past weekend, it seems like everybody is confident and ready to run fast at Conferences." Aside from Udis, the Men's Team received ECAC qualifying performances from senior Lex Mercado, sophomore David Chorney and junior Michael Karchner. Mercado finished the 800 in 1:57.24, placing fifth, while Chorney followed Udis closely in the 1,000 meters, finishing in second place with a time of 2:34.59. Karchner leaped a distance of 21-9 in the long jump, while classmate Adam Carter cleared six feet in the high jump.

Throughout the winter season, both the Men's and Women's Track and Field Teams have shown that they have a tremendous amount of

depth, and the ability to excel in every aspect of competition. Muhlenberg athletes have prospered throughout the season, qualifying for the ECACs and breaking records in the sprint, mid-distance and distance events, as well as in all of the field events.

If all goes well, both teams should be top contenders for the Conference Championship this coming weekend. Haverford College will be hosting the Centennial Conference Track and Field Championships on Sat., Feb. 24 and Sun., Feb. 25.



Freshman Alex Faust broke the Centennial Conference Women's Pole Vault record with a jump of 11-3.75 feet.

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after the unprotected elbow early in the bout. Kein wrestles with great intensity and didn't let his injury become a weakness. "He wrestled smart; he never put himself in bad position," commented junior teammate David Lavin. The match was scoreless until Kein's takedown in the third period. Another takedown in the final few seconds gave Kein the title winning by decision 5-2. The team and fans cheered to see another Muhlenberg champion.

Loesch went out on the mat seeking a fourth CC Championship and that is what he left with. He is the third wrestler from the College to win four straight Conference titles. He started the day off with a pin in 1:43. His second bout was won by major decision 9-1. Loesch came out on top of his final bout, against the number three seed from Hopkins with a victory of 11-3. Loesch was honored with the Chris Clifford Memorial Award for being the senior with the most career points. Thus far, he has created "as good of a career as I could have asked for." Despite wrestling this season with a bulky knee brace, he is leaving behind the legacy of his 40-0 Conference record and 89-15 for his career.

Junior Joe Tartar said, "Before the tournament started, I told the guys that all we had to do was wrestle the three best matches, and if you did that you would go to Nationals. I knew as long as we wrestled hard we were guaranteed four finalists, and I expected all of us to win. After Billy and Rob both won, I was positive Loesch could do it, so I had to make the sweep complete" and complete the sweep he did. Tartar made his team proud by taking his first Conference Championship in the heavyweight division. He pinned his first opponent in 41 seconds. Continuing his winning momentum, Tartar finished off his second opponent 5-1, against a Washington & Lee wrestler to whom he had previously lost. For the finals, he went head to head with an Ursinus wrestler for an all out battle. Tartar scored the only takedown of the match in the second period and stayed ahead to take number one.

All of the College's champions were seeded first and proved their worth. Both sophomore Matt Horn and junior Joe Decampo put a strong effort forth. Horn (184 lbs.) took third for his second year. Decampo, however, was unable to finish his consolation match due to injury. He landed on his head and lay on the mat until he came-to, unable to finish. Having wrestled hard all day, he finished in fourth and with, as one would imagine, quite a headache.

The team had a great season and should be proud of their accomplishments. Team chemistry has clearly played a key role in their success. Something must be said for a group of guys that can still laugh in between their toughest match-ups of the season. Even alumni wrestlers made the trip in support. They have every right to celebrate the wrestling team's greatest accomplishment in the last five years.

"I think that we finally showed our potential," said Loesch. Tartar commented, "It's still upsetting to have not won the team championship, but it is great to be on a team that is sending four guys to Nationals." Good luck to our national qualifiers who will be traveling to Iowa for March 2-3 for the National Tournament. There couldn't be a better reason for Tartar's first airplane trip.

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A sprint at the finish line gives Men's Basketball a playoff berth

By Victoria Davis
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

Men's Basketball has certainly seen its share of ups and downs this year. Fortunately, they ended their season on a high note.

On Thurs., Feb. 15 Men's Basketball honored their seven seniors in their final home game as Mules. But with emotions high, they all still realized the implications of the game. They needed a win if they were going to stay in the running for the fifth and final playoff spot in the Centennial Conference. Their home finale would be against the Dickinson Red Devils (7-16, 5-12), and the Mules came out knowing what had to be done.

The Mules were able to fend off a Red Devil offensive explosion in the

second half as Dickinson shot an overwhelming 76.2 percent. With just 10.4 seconds left in the game, senior Jimmie Riggins hit a three-point shot to knot it up. Dickinson was given a terrifyingly long ten seconds for a chance to hit a winning shot. However, they were unable to even set up a solid play, and ended regulation with a near half-court heave. Overtime loomed yet again for the Mules.

The Mules have seen their fair share of overtime this year, and have been fairly successful. But this game was more pressure-packed than any they had seen so far, and they handled it beautifully. They made all eight of their overtime shots to win the game 91-84. Senior Tom Scott contributed 29 points in the Mules' victory, with sophomore Mike Bernardini close behind with a

career high 28 points. Bernardini also went five for seven from the three-point line. Riggins recorded a double-double with twelve points and ten rebounds.

Two days later on Sat., Feb. 17, the team took on Ursinus for their final game of the regular season. The Mules (10-14, 9-9) were up by nine, 41-32, at the end of the first half, and they led by as many as 14 points in the second half, but the Bears would not give up. They clawed their way back into the competition, and the Mules suddenly found their lead had dwindled to only two points with 25 seconds left in regulation.

Would this be yet another overtime thriller? No, the Mules kept their cool and the lead as the Bears were forced to foul, and the Mules knocked down all six of their free

throws in the final seconds.

The 76-68 win over Ursinus was Muhlenberg's fifth straight win, and together with a McDaniel loss it placed Muhlenberg securely and finally alone in the fifth slot for the Centennial Conference Playoffs. Scott came up huge again, scoring 25 points, grabbing seven rebounds and making three steals. Senior Chris Huber, who was recently named to the Lehigh Valley Small College Basketball Team of the Year along with fellow senior on the women's team Meghan Courtney, added 13 points of his own.

Muhlenberg's first playoff game will be held at Gettysburg on Wed., Feb. 21. The winner of that game will then continue on to face a tough Johns Hopkins team on Sat., Feb. 24.

Four champs to Nationals, team places second

By Heather Fox
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The College arrived fired up and ready to wrestle. They put forth an outstanding effort placing second in the C conference and with four weight class champions earning bids to the national tournament.

The College finished in second with 74.5 points, eleven points behind first. Ursinus finished in first, but left with not one individual champion. With six people in the finals, they left with six wrestlers in second place and two taking third. Ursinus has been a Conference leader all season and has remained a tough opponent for the College to face each year. "We had more champions than anyone else and not winning the team championship was really just a freak thing that happened with the scoring," said Senior Co-Captain Matt Loesch.

At 133 lb. weight class, sophomore Billy Hall took the title of champion. Being a tall wrestler at a low weight he is a challenge to wrestle. He worked his way to the finals with two pins. His second match of the day was tied until the last few seconds when Hall impressively took his McDaniel opponent to his back for the win. His final bout started strong with a takedown after only 12 seconds. Hall came close to pinning his Ursinus opponent, but won with a respective 15-3 major decision. Hall has won four of tournament titles in a row and is headed for nationals with a 24-5 record.

Rob Kein, a 141 lbs. champion, only wrestled two matches for his title. He had a bye the first round and then defeated his Washington & Lee oppo-

nent 11-3. Kein has not wrestled the last three dual meets do to an elbow injury. The elbow brace he wore his first match proved to be an easy target for his opponent. Kein wrestled his final match without the brace. His opponent, second seeded Marco Priolo from Johns Hopkins, went

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From left to right, the Centennial Conferences champions Tartar, Loesch, Kein and Hall.

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The Internet: Resourceful or dangerous?
Just who is looking at your Facebook profile right now?
Does the FCC know about all of those songs you illegally downloaded this morning?

The Internet: Downloading freedom online

By Stacy Romascavage
FOCUS Editor

Ever since its invention in 1969, the Internet, known then as Arpanet, was only used as a communication tool for the United States Army. A lot of improvements have been made since then. The Internet is viewed as a free medium for people to express, basically, whatever they want. It is arguably one of the only places left in the world where there is a free and uninhibited share of ideas and information. The Internet allows for computers, people, telephones and just about anything to connect together in a global network. In order for people to access the Internet, they have to pay a standard fee several times a year to companies which connect you to the network. Since the Internet is a medium that focuses on being live, people take advantage of its quickly expanding online references. Once the computer is networked to the Internet, people can then access information and media that is absolutely free or requires a small fee. Internet users can access newspapers and research documents at no cost without leaving their homes. At

this rate, eventually libraries and hard copies of written material will become obsolete.

Downloading music and movies online is a rapidly growing fad due to its accessibility and cheap costs. Downloading software, such as Napster and Limewire, allow music fans to rapidly download their favorite media with a click of the mouse. However, there is a price to some sorts of downloading. Illegal downloading of music, movies, etc. leads to copyright infringement and violation of intellectual property laws. Thanks to the Internet, cinemas are losing revenue due to people simply downloading the newly released films online. Record labels, music artists and stores are also feeling the affect of lost profit due to the music downloading software.

People can create websites containing a plethora of information, regardless of how inappropriate the content is, due to the difficulty of tracking the site's origin. Online casinos, that feature Texas Hold-Em and Poker, are famous for making participants pay huge gambling loses and, at the same time, keeping their origin

unknown. Surprisingly, the United States does not prohibit citizens from creating online casinos for the rest of the world to use. Other countries have strict rules as to what their citizens can post online, that is, if they even have access to the Internet.

The future of the Internet is uncertain and varies from country to country. Internet users determine how much longer free information will be accessible. If people continue to perform and/or conduct illegal activity online, then the Internet will be forced to charge people more money for media and other information. People who use the Internet have to realize that all of this 'free' material is a privilege and gift. If people abuse this privilege, then the government and organizations feeling the affects of illegal activity, will ban or heavily charge people for accessing the material. The Internet, after all, is a service just like other media. Users have to respect it and be thankful for having the opportunity and luxury to be connected to a world of information.

Illegal downloading of music, movies, etc. leads to copyright infringement and violation of intellectual property laws.

Internet Safety Tips

Keep your passwords private, even from your best friend! Your online service will never ask for them, so neither should anyone else.

Use only your log-in name and/or e-mail address when chatting or sending e-mail. Never give out personal information like your name, address, or phone number.

Always delete unknown e-mail attachments without opening them. They can contain destructive viruses.

Remember that nothing you write on the Web is completely private — including e-mail. So be careful and think about what you type and who you tell.

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Facebook, a necessity for knowledge

By Nadine Goldman
Class of '07

I'll admit that I'm something of a Facebook junkie. When my sister started her freshman year at American University, my Facebook activity increased dramatically so I'd still appear popular while her freshmen friends reveled in the novelty of wall posting (I'm still beating her, but she's getting close). With the addition of News Feed, you can even track how much of an addict I am (go ahead, I dare you), as I have about 17 billion new "stories" per day. But all kidding aside, I believe Facebook has some real benefits other than self-esteem boosting.

There's the obvious benefit of networking. I've spent many pleasant hours finding my old friends from school, sleep-away camp, Young Judaea and pretty much everywhere else. And while discovering their Facebook profiles hasn't necessarily led to a true rekindling of the lost friendships, I'm still interested in seeing what these people are doing, who they're in and out of relationships with, and where they went on vacation. Facebook has also made it much easier to keep in touch with my friends who have graduated. Yes, there's MySpace, but their search engine is so impossible to use; I can't find anyone unless I already know everything about them. Whereas Facebook neatly organizes users by network, MySpace users are so scattered that you need to know the email address of whomever you're trying to find, which, if you're tracking long-lost friends, you aren't likely to have. Not to mention that while not everyone has a MySpace account, *everyone* has Facebook.

And because everyone has Facebook, it's an incredibly effective organizing tool. I would know nothing about upcoming Senior Pub Nights if it weren't for Facebook. The Events feature not only tells me when the next Senior Pub Night will take place, but also who's planning on coming. I've seen Facebook used to generate interest for new campus organizations like the newly started Renaissance Culture Club. A simple Facebook event for an organizational meeting helped me build a talented editorial staff for *Hatikvah*, the new Israel magazine coming out on campus, by allowing me to publicize to a broader range of people.

Thinking universally, what about all those global issue awareness groups? You could argue that all those "For every 1,000 people who join this group, I will donate \$1 to..." may cheapen the notion of charity, but you can't deny the impact of awareness. The fact that millions of Facebook users belong to hundreds of groups to stop the genocide in Darfur and spread cancer awareness makes a pretty impressive statement. So although obnoxiously publicized donations, these groups are still raising money for great causes. Among my favorite features on Facebook are the Election 2006 Campaign Issues. I found it incredibly refreshing to find people who cared about the same issues that I did, like supporting Israel and ending terrorism—a nice change of pace from the 'Berg Bubble. Just knowing there were other people out there made me more confident in expressing my own convictions.

True, Facebook hasn't done much for my academic record, as I spend far more hours on Facebook than I do in class, doing homework, studying, writing papers or even sleeping. As a graduating senior, I'm well aware that job recruiters use Facebook to screen potential applicants, but I'm holding off on cleaning up my profile because I'm convinced that my future employer will have a sense of humor. Eventually, I'll retire my Facebook profile when it ceases to be cool. For now, I'm content to reap the benefits of a glorious addiction.

Facebook vs. MySpace

Why do we think one is 'safer' than the other?

Facebook: Social networking or virtual blackhole

By Harry Miller
Director of Information
and Technology

Is Facebook a fad? A clique interest? Not likely. Nearly 95% of first year students at the 'berg have Facebook

accounts! Most of these students log into their account more than once a day. Communication via Facebook is more popular with these students than communication through traditional email. Actually, their top four means of electronic communication are IM, cellphone calls, text-messaging and Facebook—relegating conventional email to fifth place. Facebook accounted for more than 50% of Muhlenberg campus network traffic during the first week of the fall semester.

So, what is this Facebook? Created by a Harvard undergraduate in 2004, the site has grown quickly. According to Wikipedia, (in December 2005) "... the website had the largest number of registered users among college-focused sites (at over 7.5 million U.S. college student accounts created with an additional 20,000 new accounts being created daily)." Facebook refers to itself as a social networking site.

The site is structured upon 'networks.' To gain access to the Muhlenberg Network, one must create a Facebook account using a valid Muhlenberg College email account (the email account is used to confirm the creation of the Facebook account). Within their Facebook account, students create a profile detailing contact information, personal information (including sexual and political preference), lists of friends, favorite activities, TV shows, movies, books and more. In addition, they can upload pictures and their 'friends' can post pictures of them as well. These pictures are often snaps of social events, parties and random fun.

Is there a potential privacy protection issue somewhere in this sea of information? Indeed. There is a perception that Facebook is 'safe' or 'safer' given the limitation of network membership. Facebook claims to be "... a trusted environment for people to interact safely." This is further challenged by the use of the term 'Friend' in conjunction with often unsolicited invitations to share already-challenged privacy.

Many Facebook users never change the default privacy settings, which generally allow anyone in the user's 'network' to view all of their content, as well as identify users by means of a 'search'. Has such content been used to the disadvantage of its users? The fact is, yes, it has, from law enforcement agencies to college (not Muhlenberg) judicial proceedings. Facebook does, however, offer privacy settings that restrict such access – and more Muhlenberg students are now availing themselves of such restrictions.

Are there other dangers? A number of students have professed regularly 'getting lost' in Facebook, resurfacing after hours of checking out various links, which lead to other links, which lead to the shocked exclamation, "What time is it!" Others spend significant time fleshing out and maintaining their profile, and 'communicating' with other Facebook users.

So, does Facebook have redeeming qualities? Yes. It provides effective communication between individuals and groups—several 'berg campus groups already use Facebook for communication. Nearly half of incoming students in 2006 used Facebook to 'check out' their new roommate and many first communicated with that roommate via Facebook. Users identify and communicate with others professing common interests and bonding over similar likes and dislikes. Facebook is an effective means to collect and share information.

Facebook is most popular with college students, as compared with another social networking site, MySpace. Many students who previously used MySpace in high school now use Facebook exclusively and a growing number of Muhlenberg Alums continue to use Facebook after graduation.

Facebook and similar sites continue to evolve. They offer students an opportunity to define themselves using media, and the richness of this media will increase quickly. However, students should also understand and exercise their rights and needs for privacy in an online world.

MySpace or everyone's space?

By Eric Feld
Op/Ed Editor

In just four short years, the social networking website, MySpace, has soared to a status of

unmatched Internet popularity. Some estimates show that it is the sixth most popular website of any language and is, at times, the most visited site throughout the week in the United States. Because of its especially high popularity among college students, people often recognize MySpace as the Internet rival to Facebook.

MySpace, which boasts its tagline as "a place for friends," was initially launched in July of 2003 as the brainchild of programmers in California. Only two years later, InterMix Media--owners of Fox News and other Fox broadcasting--bought the site for \$580 million. In the time since its founding, the reaches of MySpace have appeared limitless with versions in Australia, Japan, several European countries, and plans to continue expansion. Even the Internet goliath, Google, has tapped into its high visibility after paying \$900 million to power a small search engine box off of personal profiles.

Over 230,000 new profiles are registered every day on MySpace. The website allows everyone from Internet novices to the Internet savvy a chance to personalize their allotted corner of the website in such a way that meets their fancy and abilities. For those illiterate to Internet codes, MySpace offers the option to choose from various pre-designed layouts and features such as a blog, personal information section, and even a favorite song that one would be automatically subjected to when visiting another's MySpace. More seasoned users are allowed the choice to design sections of their profile using HTML codes.

However, with such high Internet popularity and visibility, come highly publicized and seemingly endless legal troubles for both MySpace and its users. Numerous cases involving sexual assault, child predation, conspiracy to murder and more have resulted in lawsuits against the site citing its low level of security and easy accessible profiles. Most recently, four suits were filed in January claiming MySpace's lack of "meaningful security measures" led to the sexual assault of multiple 14 and 15 year-old girls in New York, Pennsylvania, Texas, and South Carolina.

Six girls from outside of Chattanooga, Tennessee, were arrested after students found a list in a school trashcan of 300 people to kill. Authorities researched one girl's MySpace account finding threats to kill, which would then be used against her in court.

MySpace has recently made the leap in revamping its legal image. Coupling its high popularity and its accusations of low level security, the website has recently begun issuing Amber alerts to its members to notify them of missing persons in their registered areas. New security features have been initiated including one in which members must now provide a working email address for verification purposes. Additionally, MySpace has installed a new feature that allows underage users safety from being contacted by adults. The age of both child and adult users, however, is self-reported and cannot necessarily be verified.

Though entertaining to use with its wide array of features, which now include instant messaging and mobile networking, users should proceed with caution. Its rapid growth has subjected MySpace's programmers to a tiring game of "keep up" as they must constantly battle spammers and hackers. Users, be warned that businesses and schools often use access applicant, student and worker profiles to monitor for suspicious and unwanted behavior in a big brother style format. While MySpace may arguably be the most popular site on the Internet, the "place for friends" still has a long way to go before becoming the best and secure way to develop sound relationships.

Facebook 2010

A story by Harry Miller

Jack logged into his Facebook account for the day as usual, using verbal commands spoken into his headset. As soon as his voice was verified, his music player automatically paused and began to search for new tunes of possible interest. He was surprised to be presented with yet another referendum on the prosecution of the Iraq war—that must be the third this month. He checked a few groups and chatted with Friends, including a few of his former professors, discussing this latest solicitation for the public's input, and cast his vote. Since the 2008 election year, when Facies first became a potent political force, those in power had become careful to solicit Facie input on any item that may be of interest. No one was about to risk another 2008.

Next he handled some banking through a 'Friend', was presented with the local weather for the day as well as the weather for Seattle. He was advised that his flight was on time and that traffic near the airport was nominal. He noted that Facebook had already advised his 'Friend' the landlord, and the post office, that he would be out of town for two days. He selected and sent a birthday card to his little sister Suzie's Facebook account—he could see by her schedule that she was already in class. Then he flipped on the cam, and recorded his birthday wishes on her Wall.

Then he poked Sally and was pleased to find her on. They had a great time last night—as could be seen by the vids her headset had posted overnight and recorded while they were at the party. She was looking a bit tired this morning, but sounded as chipper as ever. He spoke with Sally for a while, and they promised to be on for each other until he arrived at his meeting later in the morning.

Sally's birthday was next Friday, so Jack quickly made reservations for dinner through a 'Friend', then talked directly with the baker, a 'Friend', about the type of cake he wanted for her party. A quick filter of Sally's 'Friends' list against his 'Friends' list produced an invitation list, which he dragged into an invitation zam, and off it went.

He placed a Facecall to his office, recording an out of office message and then checked email—he was still surprised that some of the staff insisted on continuing to use email! While finishing up, he noted most of their invited friends had already accepted—great! Facebook alerted him that he should soon depart for the airport, as traffic was building.

He and Sally had known each other since freshman year back at the 'berg way back in '06. Back when Facebook appeared to be just a fad—even though 95% of their class had accounts. It was hard to believe that there were only 10 million users back then—only a tenth of what it was now. There was even talk of Facies drafting their own constitution—which would really not be much of a leap beyond their extensive set of laws.

That made him think of his friend who attended another college—a friend through high school—Bill was always outspoken, and at times less than sensitive to the views of others. His rant on Facebook about certain minorities landed him in serious trouble with the college's judicial system. Then there was Tom, who thought that posted pictures of him drinking in his dorm room was cool—boy, was he wrong! Jack lost track of him after he transferred. Then there was the Facebook incident Sally had become involved in while at the 'berg...that dude certainly found out that stalking wasn't cool.

Neither he nor Sally could understand why some fellow students couldn't appreciate the need to protect their own privacy. They treated Facebook like it was their diary, but left their privacy settings wide open! Sharing *everything* with 300 Friends just didn't make sense as so many of them found out, some a little too late! He certainly would not have the job he enjoyed so much if all his earlier antics were open for all to see.

Another, more insistent alert from Facebook—it knew by his GPS coordinates that he was still in his apartment. Darn, late again!



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THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2007

Scott Gordon elected new Student Body President

By Sara Horowitz
NEWS EDITOR

On Mon., Feb. 26, the lobby of Seegers Union was packed with members of the Student Body voting for their next Student Body President. In one of the largest elections in recent years, Scott Gordon '08, was elected as the new Student Body President.

About 500 students came out to vote last year. This year, however, more than 700 students voted for the new President, choosing between Gordon and Matt Fash '09. Dave Dolan '07 was removed from the list after he conceded late last week. Gordon received more than 65 percent of the votes cast.

Ryan Campbell, former Student Body President, sat at the election table throughout the day, along with other members of Student Council, encouraging students who walked through Seegers to vote. Campbell said he was happy

with the larger voter turnout than last year. He hopes it's a sign that more students are getting involved. He would love to see "more involvement in the future especially in the Student Body President debate next year."

At around 6:00 p.m. Gordon found out he had been elected and was "thrilled and honored." Gordon said, "I am excited and eagerly await the opportunity to use the knowledge that I have attained during my previous three years on Council as the President of the Class of 2008."

Other than serving as President of his class, Gordon is a Tour Guide, Student Advisor, Campus Delegate and a member of the Cardinal Key Society.

Gordon said that current Student Body President "Ryan Campbell has done an excellent job during his term. Everyone has their own distinct way of doing things. There is a great foundation; however, I am

looking forward to implementing my own style and new ways of accomplishing all of our goals."

As Gordon expressed in his platform, one of his principle goals is to unite the Student Body. He hopes that giving the Student Body a loud voice will help in this unification. He expects that, as always, there will be conflicting opinions on both sides but believes it is "essential for us to look at the common thread we all share and agree upon, and move forward from there."

Gordon describes himself as "dedicated, open-minded and sincere." All qualities that will enable him to serve the members of the College. He said, "I am extremely open to suggestions from the Student Body and am looking forward to working my best to address concerns and tackle the issues that are important to the students." Other than politics, Gordon also wanted to express that he enjoys taking long walks on the beach.

Senior Year Experience Task Force answers the tough questions

By Mike Miller
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

On Thur., Feb. 22, the Senior Year Task Force (SYE) held a meeting with the Student Body and faculty to discuss ideas and to present their preliminary report on the Senior Class Survey. Their report included plans on greatly increasing the Senior Year Experience.

The meeting began with a presentation by Chris Hooker-Haring, Dean of Admissions, who presented the findings of the Committee. Based on the Senior Survey, the committee, which includes President Randy Helm, Karen Green, Dean of Students and Vice President of Student Affairs, and various students and faculty members, broke down a plan to prepare students for reality. The plan is broken down into three parts: Transition, which uses peer mentoring, planned senior workshops and the career center to help seniors move seamlessly into the real world. Reflection helps seniors think about their years at the College and how they helped shape the way they are. This step would include a senior year website, possibly using Facebook.com, a multimedia center that uses polls, charts and graphs to describe senior feelings and mentoring groups. Integration is the last part of the three-part process and is vital in helping seniors adjust to the real world. This allows seniors to interact, starting junior year, with faculty in order to better understand the real world.

After the presentation, Hooker-Haring opened the

floor to student discussion and questions. The Senior Class Council maintained the debate, using their experiences to help the SYE task force. The Senior Council gave their opinion on how they wished their senior year went and gave important advice to the task force. The Council agreed that a Senior Workshop, similar to First Year Orientation, would help seniors come together and prepare for life outside the College bubble.

"Our plan is to implement a workshop, similar to First Year Orientation, called Re-orientation or Disorientation, to help seniors with life after college. This Life 101 seminar would help students with financial services, health insurance, how to read a lease and how to file their taxes," said Hooker-Haring. "Our responsibility is to help the students move past Muhlenberg and succeed in the real world."

The planned workshops are scheduled for two days prior to the start of the second semester. Members of the Senior Class Council expressed concerns about the timing of these workshops. "We feel as if the seniors would be unwilling to return to the College in early January before their winter break is over."

Other than the senior workshops, the Task Force proposed alumni mentoring, when former alumni, who struggled to adjust to the real world, would come back to mentor seniors. Traci Falco, Director of Alumni Relations, supported this theory. "We are working to get alumni back to the school to help out the

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Newly elected Student Body President, Scott Gordon, swipes people into the Garden Room.

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Who's the fairest of them all?

Sororities and fraternities are often thought of by non-Greeks according to their stereotypes: Beer, parties, sluts, stoners, scholars, drama, drugs. However, by falling prey to these misrepresentations, many lose sight of the community service administered through Greek hands, leadership seats that take on tasks as great as any Student Council position, real bonds that laugh in the face of "bought friends," and cultivated scholarship that often excels beyond the average mean. At the College, these truths, as we shall call them, pertain to the Greek community more than the derogatory stereotypes. Though you still see some of them represented through the certain crowds particular sororities and fraternities attract, if you take a good look, our Greek life and organizations are founded on these four steadfast ideals.

By now, we are sure that many of you have heard that a chapter of Delta Zeta at DePauw University has run into a sticky situation. An article run in *The New York Times*, "Sorority Evictions Raise Issues of Looks and Bias," details Delta Zeta's national officers interviewing the "socially awkward" sorority due to its declining recruitment numbers. The sorority was known for its cultural diversity and talent for attracting "brainy women." Yet, upon completing their interviews, national officers deemed 23 of the 35 women "insufficiently committed" and were evicted for the Chapter house. It just so happened that all 23 were either overweight or of varying ethnicities, leaving 12 women, "slender and popular with fraternity men," to attract new and similarly attractive recruits.

Unfortunately, Delta Zeta's nationals supported and demonstrated an appearance stereotype that many Greek organizations, especially sororities, try so hard to overcome. Greek life on college campuses should be a positive thing, fostering service, learning, friendship and acceptance. Perhaps the incident at DePauw, sad though it may be, has a greater purpose to remind all Greek organizations of their original tenements, especially that of understanding and acceptance. Here at the College, sororities and fraternities should take this message to heart though thus far, our Greek life has not let us down. With their Community Clean Up plan and efforts to raise money for charities, we feel the College's Greek life is on the right track to steering clear of harmful stereotypes.

To the Editor:

We are writing in response to Nadine Goldman's article, "A convenient excuse," published in last week's edition of *The Weekly*. Goldman wrote to *The Weekly* after she shockingly received an email from the Environmental Action Team (EnAcT) suggesting a correlation between climate change and the genocide in Darfur. We would like to begin by apologizing for any offense we may have caused Goldman or anyone else receiving the email. The email was written in an attempt to build bonds between EnAcT and other clubs so that we may work together for the greater good.

Without getting too political, we would like to offer a short explanation for our outreach to the Do It For Darfur club. Wars and genocides begin as a result of conflicts between different groups. The conflict in Darfur is over food, water, resource shortages and displaced people. Climate change has contributed to the shortage of these essential resources. The expansion of the Saharan Desert is a result of improper farming techniques and an increase in the amount of land drying up, thus demonstrating a concrete manifestation of climate change. When land becomes dry and uncultivable, people are forced to move to new, fertile areas in order to survive. This migration to already inhabited land has intensified the conflict in Darfur.

With this being said, we would like to refute Goldman's statement saying, "How could anyone suggest that a genocide that has been going on for three years, in which 400,000 people have been killed and millions more displaced, be the result of climate change?" We do not suggest that climate change is the single cause of the genocide by any means; however, we merely suggest that it is one of the many factors contributing to the problem.

To quote directly from the email Goldman received: "There are still plenty of issues critically entwined with the Darfur situation. The Darfur geno-

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Last week's "Love & Life" column, "One night stands: Step aside men", struck a violent chord within me. Hatfield's claims, that women should "find the inner jerk and slut inside [themselves]", that men should not expect any sort of affection and that men should bow down to every sexual (and other) need of women in a one night stand, are ridiculous and hurtful messages. I believe that both parties participating in a one night stand or any kind of sexual encounter should be expected to tailor to the wants and needs of their partner. Stating that men have no feelings or emotions when it comes to one night stands or any intimate encounters is extremely offensive, and suggesting that women "take back the power" and "be the one(s) with no feelings or emotions" will not correct this stereotype.

It is terrible to be promoting the idea that by being rude, insensitive and degrading toward your partner, you will be "taking charge of your emotional well-being and your sexual gratification." Call me crazy, but I think it is possible for one night stands to be consensual and that both parties can walk away feeling gratified and fulfilled without being cold and vindictive. Some people may argue that sex and being intimate do not require deep emotional feelings; however, I think most people would agree that a certain level of respect and understanding for your partner is necessary for a positive sexual experience as well as healthy relationships.

If you are not prepared to accommodate the needs and feelings of a potential sexual partner, maybe you should not be participating in sexual activities. If you are not able to respect others, why should you expect people to respect you? The bottom line is, respect your partner and you will have a much more fulfilling and gratifying experience, whether you are male or female.

Dan Papperman '07

Global climate change just one of many factors complicating Darfur

cide has been partially caused and escalated as a result of climate change causing increased desertification, starvation and water shortages." Likewise, EnAcT is not trying to discount any of the genocides which have happened over history. We are not asserting that every genocide has been a result of climate change. In this particular situation, however, climate change is certainly playing a role.

We resent Goldman's accusation that it was a "lame attempt to get more people to show up to a meeting." Yes, EnAcT wants to get more students involved to help spread the word, but members of EnAcT come because they care about the issues and want to make a difference. We are trying to emphasize that in today's globalized world, people should not pick and choose between issues.

We believe that it is of the utmost importance to not waste any time fighting over which pressing issues in the news are more horrific. Most current issues, specifically environmental issues, are wholly interconnected. No matter how hard one tries to refute a connection, environmental issues and social justice issues cannot be separated from each other. Environmental issues affect everyone. The actions of the United States are affecting people all over the world, just as events happening in Africa and everywhere else are affecting us, here, in the United States. Instead of burning the bridges of commonality, we must recognize a universal goal and work together.

Once again, we invite Goldman and other interested students to attend our EnAcT meetings held every Tuesday night at 8:30 p.m. in The Red Door.

Jacy Good '08 and Steve Epting '09
EnAcT Co-Presidents

If we knew where Iraq was, we might look there for the father of Anna Nicole's baby



Joe Caporoso
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

cleric.

What constitutes news in this country anymore? America is the most powerful nation in the world, and we are made up of intelligent citizens. Anna Nicole Smith's death is a sad story, but it is not important national news. I cannot name anything commendable she ever did in her life or any important contribution she ever made to our society. She was a public figure, for mostly negative reasons, yet her death and burial place is being revered like a President's.

Britney Spears' insanity or the death of an alcoholic ex-playboy model should not be lead stories on our news networks. On that particular night, I would say that dangerous bacteria-infested chicken being sold in super-

The other night, the lead story on CNN was something about Anna Nicole Smith's death. I don't know what it was exactly because this story has dragged on for so long and has picked up so many new angles that it has become nearly impossible to keep track of it. The next story was about large amounts of chicken strips being recalled because they were not safe to eat. Following both of these stories was a crucial update on the war in Iraq, relating to Americans who accidentally arrested the son of an important Shiite

Statistics revealing that six out of ten young adults in this country cannot locate Iraq on a map should scare us all. It is well publicized that many Americans lack basic knowledge to critically access the decisions our leaders have been making.

markets was more important than what one of Anna Nicole Smith's bodyguards had to say. On a daily basis, Americans need information about more important events rather than news pertaining to the very public lives of celebrities.

Our nation is currently involved in a complex and controversial conflict in the Middle East. First and foremost, the details of this war and President Bush's expectation of it should be presented on our news networks. Beyond our continued struggles in Iraq, we have a new majority party in Congress, which is full of diverging views on how to fix the mess the Republicans have made. We also have a wide open Presidential field coming into focus, each with unique perspectives on how to guide our country. Nations like Iran are well into the process of making nuclear weapons, which further destabilizes the most unstable part of the world.

The point that I am making is this: we are a great nation, and yet we are a nation with many problems facing us. Our citizens need to be educated and more politically savvy.

Statistics revealing that six out of ten young adults in this country cannot locate Iraq on a map should scare us all. It is well publicized that many Americans lack basic knowledge to critically access the decisions our leaders have been making. It is time for people in this country to put down gossip publications such as *The Star* and *People Magazine* and pick up real news sources such as *The New York Times* or *The Wall Street Journal*. Our news stations are only facilitating the problem by masking this garbage important information. We have one of the most crucial election in our history approaching us. American citizens' need to learn the issues and make informed decisions to start the process of fixing what could go down as eight of the worst years in Presidential history.

Britney Shears: star of the media circus

By Kyle Miller
WEEKLY OP/ED WRITER

I need to know this? News listeners across the nation have been asking themselves the same questions as bald "Britney Shears" and deceased Anna Nicole and company, grace the headlines and air time of our national news networks.

As long as a good portion of viewers remain interested in non-news... the media will continue reporting it.

Breaking news: Britney Spears shaves her head! Spears enters rehab and leaves same day! More importantly, who cares? Why do

According to Pew Research, who conducted a study on the circus surrounding the death of Anna Nicole Smith, six in ten Americans, or 60% of the entire population, claim that the story has been "over-covered" by the press. Unfortunately, for viewers and concerned citizens, news networks continued virtually uninterrupted

coverage through the ridiculously lengthy court proceedings. The court, or theatre as it were, was given the national spotlight for much of last week, despite the implementation of the new strategy in Iraq and the announcement of a decrease in British troop levels. Instead, the country's news networks were fixed on such headliners as 'Judge Larry' Seidlin who offered one council, a "glass of juice" in response to an argument. During this show, our nation was granted the opportunity to learn his interesting background as a New York 'cabby' and his childhood growing up in the Bronx. Despite the issue at hand, a serious one for all parties involved, Judge Larry kept the courtroom calm and unfocused with his stories and humorous quips. At the end of this affair, the country was fixed on his tearfully delivered opinion. Perhaps this case is a prime example of why cameras should not be allowed in the courtroom for live coverage.

As long as a good portion of viewers remain interested in non-news, and those who aren't interested watch anyway, the media will continue reporting it. While this is quite disturbing, Pew also reported

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Tensions ramp-ant at Jerusalem's Temple Mount

By Nadine Goldman
WEEKLY OP/ED WRITER

This February, the
Israel Antiques
Authority (IAA)

began excavations and repair work on the Mugrabi Gate, the only entrance by which non-Muslims can have access to the Temple Mount. The old access ramp was damaged by natural causes a few years ago and was deemed unsafe. In its place, a temporary access ramp replaced the old one; however, this ramp was designed for short-term use only. Due to the archaeological richness of the area, excavations to preserve artifacts are taking place at the same time as the construction of the new ramp. The Prime Minister's Bureau has assured that the restoration work done outside the Temple Mount area is being conducted "by professionals and with complete transparency."

And yet, this month has been marked by mass Muslim hysteria and outrage. Hundreds of Palestinians have engaged in rioting at the Temple Mount, often clashing violently with Israeli police. Muslim leaders in Israel, including Arab Knesset members as well as Islamic leaders in neighboring countries, have called upon worshippers to protest the restoration project. They claim it will damage the Al-Aqsa mosque, the third holiest site in Islam, located 60 meters from the excavation site.

In order to understand the vocal, violent Arab objection to the project and the absurdity of their objection, we have to place this construction

project in context.

The Muslim Waqf, the Islamic authority of Jerusalem, has controlled the Temple Mount since 1967; Israel captured the entire Temple Mount, Judaism's holiest site, during the Six-Day War and ceded control to the Waqf while keeping the Western Wall and the Mugrabi Gate areas. Considering that all of the excavation and construction work will be done outside of the Temple Mount area on Israeli sovereign soil, the claim that the Al-Aqsa mosque will be harmed in some way is absolutely ridiculous.

The Waqf has actually had its own history of archaeological "digging" on the Temple Mount since 1996 when the Israeli government approved a Muslim request to build a new underground mosque on the Mount. The Waqf's version of archaeological excavation

consisted of ripping up 6,000 tons of precious artifact-rich soil with bulldozers and trucks and dumping it into a municipal garbage dump. This flagrant destruction was done without the supervision of the IAA, as is required by law, and completely went against the 1967 Protection of Holy Places Law. Yet, the Ehud Barak-led government looked on, despite the outcry of Israelis and archaeologists worldwide, presumably for the

sake of the "peace process." For these Muslim leaders to claim that the Mugrabi Gate project will in some way harm the Al-Aqsa mosque is completely hypocritical. These same Muslim leaders have already done irreparable damage to the Temple Mount in trying to erase evidence of Jewish historical ties.

In contrast, the Israeli controversy over the Mugrabi Gate (yes, there is some even amongst Israelis) has to do with how to preserve the historical artifacts. Several Israeli archaeologists have voiced objections to the project because some of the footings of the new ramp stand in an important archaeological garden. They demand that the ramp be rerouted around the garden.

It is clear that the real reason for the Muslim objection to the project has nothing to do with the Al-Aqsa Mosque and nothing to do with archaeological integrity. Instead, they are objecting to the very notion of non-Muslim access to the Temple Mount. King Abdullah of Jordan has condemned the project, echoing this same objection and saying that it will undermine "the success of efforts being undertaken to restore the peace process." Yet, if history has taught us anything, it is that some sacrifices made in the name of peace are too great.

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MEDIA CIRCUS | FROM PAGE 3 that, despite the "over-coverage" opinion, 11% of viewers followed Smith's story closer than any other story being reported. Therefore, the Smith story was, as Pew reported, as closely followed as stories about all 2008 presidential candidates combined.

In this respect, an unprecedented early start to the 2008 presidential race has been matched by the media in unrelenting coverage of political rock star Barack Obama, which included following his family on their personal vacation to Hawaii. Also, Hillary Clinton's coverage has given us a complete review of her disastrous years as First Lady (although not entirely useless information). Unfortunately, in this media storm, we don't hear much about the other candidates, of both parties, such as Sen. Chris Dodd (D-CT), Sen. Joe Biden (D-DE), Sen. Sam Brownback (R-KS) and had anyone even heard about former candidate, Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack?

Media networks could have the decency and responsibility to give equal time to important news rather than focusing on junk reporting. Perhaps, if this is possible, equal time can be given to each candidate in the 2008 race. Additionally, if the courtroom is perpetuated as a national theater, trials such as the Duke rape case and the Anna Nicole Smith custody affair, will continue to be used as grandstanding, resulting in their proven negative effects on justice. As long as the news is reported to entertain the public, instead of inform the public, civil society will suffer.

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Did you know that more people are killed annually by donkeys than by plane crashes?

Beware of the Mule... and write for Op/Ed...

EMS travels to Baltimore in an attempt to defend their title

By Jamie Schnieder
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

On Feb. 23, nine members of Muhlenberg College Emergency Medical Services (MCEMS) left the campus and headed to Baltimore, MD to attend the National Collegiate Emergency Medical Services Foundation Conference (NCEMSF) where they participated in three days of educational workshops which included special programs, social events, networking opportunities and equipment and employment exhibitions.

In attendance were 600 collegiate emergency medical services providers from over 75 colleges and universities from around the country.

The nine members of MCEMS were hoping to defend their title of first in the nation in the Medtronic EMS Skills Competition. They were unfortunately unable to do so; however, they did return with a lot of valuable information that will strengthen the service they provide to the College.

Jackie Patino '08, Secretary, "The conference was a great experience. It allowed us to gain a lot of insightful knowledge that pertains to the college-aged person. I especially enjoyed going to the lectures because they were geared towards providing better care for college students"

Dennis Kumral '09, Infection Control Officer, attended a lecture entitled "Infectious Disease Prevention," which discussed the importance of having a disaster plan in place. At the lecture, Kumral gained a lot of valuable information that can be used to go along with the College's newly passed Pandemic Response Plan. The squad is looking at the newly received information to see how it can be used to work with the Pandemic Response Plan and strengthen the College's plan of action in the case of a campus wide endemic.

Scott Kramer '09, Second Lieutenant, and Les Polk '08, Captain, attended a Regional Round Table where they compared

MCEMS to other EMS organizations found at colleges and universities around Pennsylvania. "Our organization is very unique in the way it is run. We were able to assist others in giving them ideas based on what has worked for us," said Polk.

Members of MCEMS have been working hard both on and off call to help improve the services provided to the College. Over the past semester, they purchased new, smaller and lighter first-aid bags (the bags that carry all of the basic supplies needed when on a call), in hopes that this will allow for a quicker and easier response.

In December, all members took a special class which instructed them how to administer epinephrine. This will allow for a life saving medicine to be administered to any person on campus who is in need, whether it has been prescribed to them or not. The squad will soon be getting epinephrine auto injectors along with a special certification from the Pennsylvania

Department of Health to carry them. "We will be able to administer epinephrine to patients experiencing severe allergic reactions or anaphylaxis," according to Kramer. A storage system for the injectors, which involves a member of the crew carrying them on his/her person, is now in the works due to the temperature constraints of the truck. MCEMS is also planning

a Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) class that will be open to all members of the College Community.

"All of the MCEMS in attendance enjoyed the Conference and it provided a kick-start to the year so we can continue to provide superior emergency medical care to the College Community," said Polk.



EMS bonds at their conference in Baltimore.

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"Finding the future" exhibit on display in Trexler Library

By Jennifer Lavelle
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Penny Lochner, Series Librarian in Trexler Library, compiled a display entitled "Finding the Future: the Influence of Science, Science Fiction and Social Commentary." The exhibit was on display in the alcove on Level A of the library throughout the month of February.

Materials in the display were centered on the idea that "groundbreaking ideas, whether in the form of new research, an imagined future, or a thought-provoking essay, have all contributed to our finding new paths of discovery." The works in the display represented past and present idea leaders, many of them familiar, such as Isaac Newton and Charles Darwin. Questions were

raised about how messages of the past influence today's ideas and how these ideas will affect the future.

Ms. Lochner chose this theme for her display because it was a topic that interested her. "The turn of the New Year and the fact that many classes here are examining similar topics inspired the theme," said Ms. Lochner. While creating the display, she had the opportunity to reread some of her favorite works and also discovered new pieces to include. She said, "I got to try to read new things that I didn't understand. It was a fun project."

The essay, "As We May Think" by Vannevar Bush, was the starting point for the display and one of Ms. Lochner's favorite pieces of literature. Mr. Bush, an American engineer who

worked on the atomic bomb during World War II, believed that, since the war was over, scientific endeavors should be focused on making human knowledge more accessible. He worked with microfilm reels to spread information. This idea was far ahead of its time, predicting newer technologies like hypertext and the Internet.

Another central work in the display was Ralph Waldo Emerson's speech "The American Scholar," addressed to the Phi Beta Kappa society in Cambridge, Mass. In this speech, he encouraged Americans to invent their own identity separate from Europe and develop new ways of thinking instead of relying on the old. This idea of creating new ways of thinking was central to the display.

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Students working hard on another Dress Upon A Star event

By Amanda Glassman
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

Dress Upon A Star, previously called the Glass Slipper Project, is a student run and student initiated project. This year there are over 25 students, all females, assisting in the project and organizing the event. It is an event that benefits local young women in the community who can't afford to buy prom dresses for their high school proms. Dee Ross, Sabrina Krum, and Lisa Kowalski, all '06 alum, founded the project three years ago and passed it down to students at the College who they believed would be dedicated enough to continue it. Some of the students involved are Kelly Owens '09, President of Dress Upon a Star, Michelle Consiglio '09, Katie Bemis '09 and Allison Zimmerman '09.

Val Lane, Director of Community Service, sent invitations to the upcoming event to organizations in the community she has worked closely with. Young women in Allentown are invited to the benefit to try on dresses and chose the ones that they want to wear to their special

event. Many local businesses donate for the event and there is a raffle that allows girls to win gift certificates to hair salons, nail salons, a florist and even a limousine service.

This year, the event is being held Sat., March 31 in

"By donating your dress you are allowing someone to experience such a special time of year for so many girls."

Katie Bemis '09

Miller Forum in Moyer Hall. Those planning the event set up the room to look like a boutique where the girls can feel free to browse the dresses. There are dressing rooms setup to try on dresses, as well as jewelry, purses, and shoes. All volunteers helping with the event take the role of personal shoppers and assist the girls with whatever they need.

Last year, there were about 250 girls who came to the event. There were 600 dresses donated, and each

girl left with two dresses, a pair of shoes and two accessories. The three alum who organized the event deemed it very successful and believed it benefited many young women.

Like last year, the event is scheduled to take place a few months before prom so the girls can hopefully find a dress and all the accessories they need for their special event. Bemis explained, "By donating your dress you are allowing someone to experience such a special time of year for so many girls."

As of now, they have 200 dresses collected for the event. The girls are willing to come to any dorm or house on campus to pick up any donations. They are still collecting dresses and would appreciate all young women on campus to go home for Spring Break and bring back any old dresses, dress shoes, purses and accessories that they no longer need. Lane says, "Prom is a fun time in a teenage girls life and it gives Muhlenberg women a chance to celebrate it with girls in Allentown."

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Answer to Sudoku

Sudoku

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TASK FORCE

FROM PAGE 1

outgoing seniors. They are willing to help; we just have to call them."

Dean Green, taking a comment by a senior referring to meeting members of the senior class for the first time, suggested that the seniors get together to help the community. "The seniors can get together, to reflect on their four years at Muhlenberg and at the same time leave their mark and legacy on the community, by helping build a house or cleaning up the park. I bet you seniors could build a house in a week!"

The most important thing the Task Force wants students and faculty to know is that the administration is there for them. Pat Fligge '10 said, "This meeting is good for all. As a freshman, it's hard to understand what the seniors are going through, but this meeting

makes me appreciate that the administration is dedicated to us for four years, that they support us from freshmen orientation until we walk across the stage for our diploma. It really makes you feel good."

President Helm summed up the feelings of the evening. "This entire night is complex. This idea is complex. We can't mandate things for seniors. What we have to do is create opportunities. These senior surveys suggest that only 80% of the senior class knows we are here for them. If we implement the right opportunities, 100% of the senior class will participate." President Helm continued, "Muhlenberg is diverse, with varied individuals. [SYE Task force] need to be able to bring the community together and help these senior become successful outside of Muhlenberg. That is what the Senior Year Experience is for."

Students attend 2007 East Coast Conference on Hunger and Homelessness

By Sara Horowitz
NEWS EDITOR

On Feb. 10-11, eight members of S.H.A.R.E. (Students Have a Real Effect), a community service group on campus, attended the 2007 East Coast Student Conference on Hunger and Homelessness at Boston University in Boston, Mass.. Students from across the country gathered for this event, as they do every year.

Miles Davison '08, Jenna Zorn '08, Sara Beitman '10, Jamie Goldman '08, Ali Fales '08, Krista Mitchell '08, Madeline Kaplan '07 and Chelsea Meenan '07 were the 8 students from the College who attended the event which was sponsored by the Community Service Office. At the Conference, the students had the opportunity to listen to various speakers, participate in food drives, attend workshops where they learned tons of facts, statistical information and legislation relating to issues of hunger and homelessness. As part of the event, many of the students slept on mats in the school gymnasium.

Goldman, who attended the event, said an interesting fact he learned while at the conference was that, "Only 50% of people who are eligible for food stamps take advantage of them. This is mainly due to lack of information and stigma about people who use food stamps. They are trying to develop a card that looks like a debit



Members of S.H.A.R.E. gained valuable information at the Hunger and Homelessness Conference in Boston.

PHOTO COURTESY OF JENNA ZORN

card to help this matter."

Nearly 850 million people suffer from hunger or homelessness worldwide. That's almost 1/6 of the world's total population. S.H.A.R.E. has a Hunger and Homelessness Awareness week at the College every year in hopes of relaying all of this pertinent information to the student body.

Goldman said, "As a group, S.H.A.R.E. will be looking into starting various initiatives such as a Hunger Cleanup, Food Salvage, Community Garden, Urban Plunge and Lobbying Local and Federal Government in order to raise awareness, take action and push for change at the legislative level. We will be looking to partner with community and campus organizations in these efforts."

Fales said they all had "a really good time" and it wound up being a "great bonding experience for everyone who went. We wound up learning a lot."

Those at the Conference had the opportunity to learn about new advocacy issues, which Fales is really excited about since they hope to bring these new issues to the campus throughout the semester and put them into action in the fall during Hunger and Homelessness Awareness week.

Campus Safety Notes

Feb. 20 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to dust in East Hall.

Feb. 20 - Terroristic Threats - A student who is studying abroad in London reported problems with her roommate's boyfriend. The roommate's boyfriend was given a letter of trespass advising him to stay out of the residential facilities.

Feb. 20 - Larceny/Theft From Vehicle - A student's parking sticker was taken from his/her car while parked on N. 23rd Street.

Feb. 21 - Larceny/Theft - A student left his bag in the Trexler Library and when he returned he found his bag opened and his cell phone was missing.

Feb. 21 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm

went off due to burnt popcorn on the third floor in South Hall.

Feb. 22 - Hit and Run - At Liberty and Muhlenberg Streets, there was a hit and run accident.

Feb. 22 - Automobile Accident - As a driver exited his vehicle, his door hit the car parked next to his vehicle.

Feb. 22 - Larceny/Theft - Someone took money out of a card that was delivered to the wrong person at the mailroom.

Feb. 22 - Hit and Run - A car parked on Chew Street had its rear-view mirror smashed.

Feb. 22 - Student Lock Out - A student had left her drawing supplies in a locked cabinet on the first floor of the Center for the Arts.

Campus Safety unlocked the cabinet so that the student could get her items.

Feb. 22 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to steam from the shower at 432 Albright Street.

Feb. 22 - Check the Welfare/Locate - In East Hall-E first floor, a student was transported to St. Luke's Hospital.

Feb. 23 - Underage Alcohol - 14 individuals in Suite 301 in Benfer Hall were referred to the Judicial Process for underage possession and consumption of alcohol.

Feb. 24 - Harassment - There was a dispute between a boyfriend and girlfriend on the second floor of Walz Hall. They were referred to the Judicial Process.

Feb. 24 - Sick Student - A

female student was vomiting from possible alcohol poisoning on the first floor annex of Prosser Hall. The student was transported to St. Luke's Hospital.

Feb. 24 - Hit and Run - On North 26th Street, a student's car was hit. The offending vehicle has not yet been found.

Feb. 24 - Larceny/Theft - A person's purse was stolen in Seeger's Union. The purse contained credit cards and \$80 cash.

Feb. 25 - Injured Student - A student possibly dislocated his/her shoulder in the Trexler Pavilion. The student was transported to St. Luke's Hospital.

Feb. 25 - Harassment - A student had a disagreement with her roommate's boyfriend at 2223 Chew Street. They were referred

to the Judicial Process.

Feb. 26 - Suspicious Activity - A student came to the Health Center to report ingesting poison. The student had eaten candy in the Trexler Pavilion and had been told the candy contained rat poison.

Feb. 26 - Harassment by Communication - A student was harassed by the IP Relay Service.

Feb. 26 - Injured Student - A student had broken glass in her foot on the third floor of Walz Hall.

Feb. 26 - Institutional Vandalism - In East Hall-C, someone broke the window between the first and second floor stairwell.

Feb. 27 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off at 316 North 26th Street.



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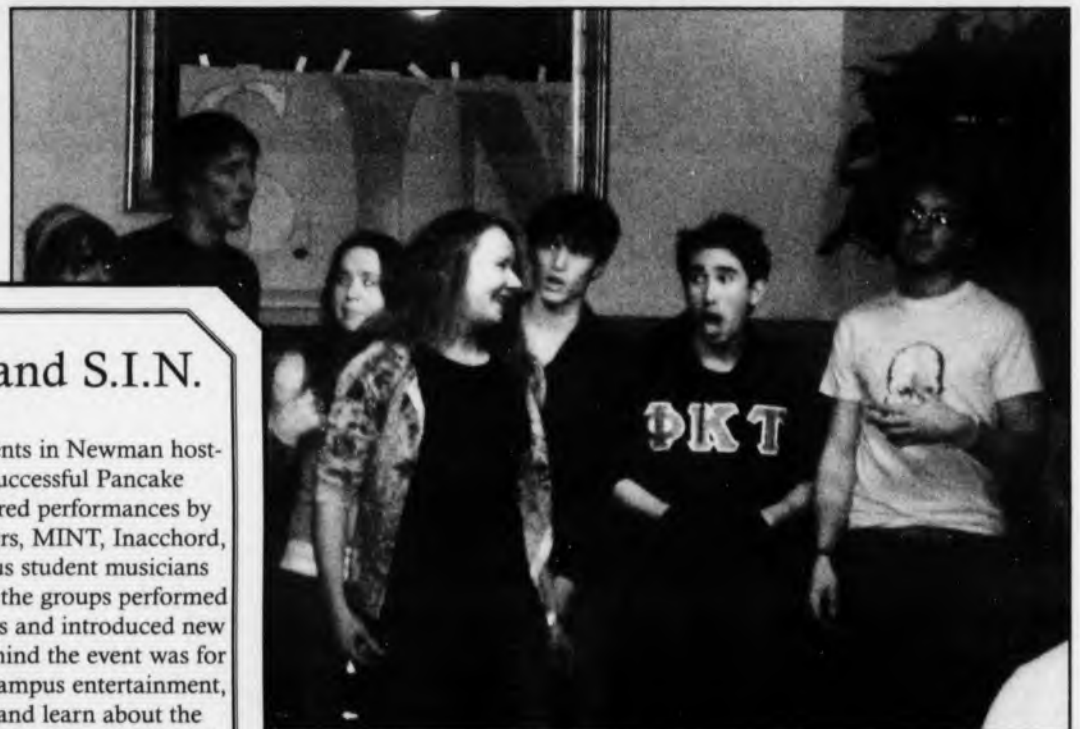
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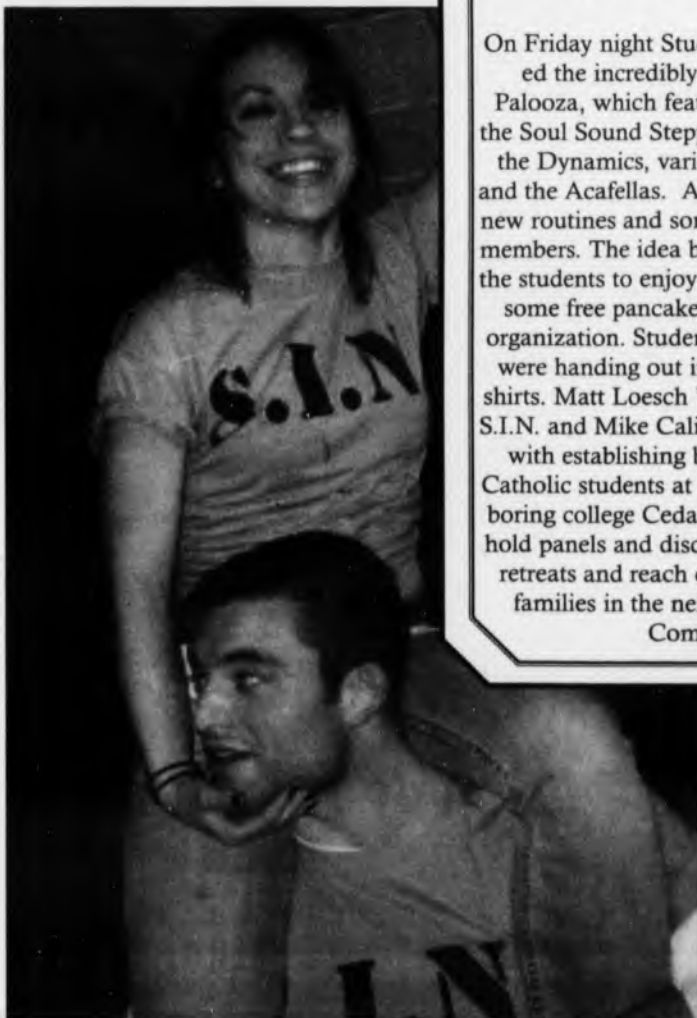
"There are two tragedies in life. One is to lose your heart's desire. The other is to gain it."

- George Bernard Shaw



Pancakes and S.I.N.

On Friday night Students in Newman hosted the incredibly successful Pancake Palooza, which featured performances by the Soul Sound Steppers, MINT, Inacchord, the Dynamics, various student musicians and the Acafellas. All the groups performed new routines and songs and introduced new members. The idea behind the event was for the students to enjoy campus entertainment, some free pancakes and learn about the organization. Students in Newman (S.I.N.) were handing out information and free t-shirts. Matt Loesch '07 serves as founder of S.I.N. and Mike Cali '09 is President. Along with establishing bonds among Roman Catholic students at Muhlenberg and neighboring college Cedar Crest, S.I.N. hopes to hold panels and discussions, organize more retreats and reach out to underprivileged families in the neighboring Allentown Community.



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Eight signs you're dating a narcissist

By Lily Hatfield
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNIST

In a Greek fable, a young man, Narcissus, drowned because he stared too long at his reflection in the pond and fell in love with it. These days, it is a little harder to tell if your loved one is this self-absorbed, with so few ponds on campus. Dating, sleeping with or even being friends with a person who is completely and totally absorbed in themselves will never yield good results for you. You will always be competing for attention with another person: their innerself. How can you tell if your lover is a narcissist? The following article contains excerpts from the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders fourth edition, and my own personal views on the subject. This article is not meant to diagnose any type of disease; it is only meant to aid a person in determining if their loved one has narcissistic tendencies.

Narcissism is described as a pervasive pattern of grandiosity (in fantasy or behavior) and need for admiration and lack of empathy.

A narcissist is not satisfied with merely being acknowledged for their accomplishments. They must be celebrated and worshiped by peers. They may even exaggerate achievements or talents in order to receive accolades for things they have never done. Saying that they were drafted for the NBA when they were in high school, claiming they were a computer hacker for the CIA at age 13 or lying about winning a beauty contest are all grandiose statements that are most likely untrue. They are being told to try and gain attention and prestige. They expect to be recognized by all.

This person lacks empathy and is unwilling to recognize or identify with the

feelings or needs of others. This person cannot relate to anyone but themselves, and while they demand constant attention and acknowledgement of their needs and thoughts, this person cannot comprehend others. They often set double standards of behavior. For example, a narcissist

may act out in sexually inappropriate ways, but is disgusted by the similar actions of others.

They are unwilling to relate to others or to interpret the feelings of others. They will say things that make perfect sense in their own minds, but have no concept of how their thoughts and words will affect other people. They don't choose to mistake emotions and feelings; they are actually unable to take another person's point of view. They cannot understand how any one could ever hold a reasonable point of view besides their own. During an argument, you will have an extremely

difficult time trying to get your point of view across to a person who cannot understand the concept of other points of view.

The narcissist is incredibly arrogant and haughty. They believe they are above the law, the laws of our government, society and basic laws of human decency. They have a sense of entitlement and an unreasonable expectation that everyone around them will comply with their demands. They may break school rules, park in handicapped parking spaces and not return materials on time. They may also get frustrated with professors who seem to be "riding them" or giving them an extra hard time, when the professor is treating them as any other student who has not turned in a paper.

The narcissist does care about one other person very deeply: him or her self. These are serious personality traits that will never go away. You cannot

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHAT WAS YOUR BEST SPRING BREAK EXPERIENCE?



"My junior year I spent three nights in Paris and then drove to Amsterdam. The food was almost as good as the Garden Room."

- Tom Henry, Garden Room Manager



"The best Spring Break trip (at least when I was a student) was to Bermuda. It was 8-1, women-to-men, on the island. We went to a night club and women (hard to believe) were actually asking me to dance all night."

- Mike Bruckner, Vice President of Public Relations



"Relaxing on Dayton Beach."

- Sharon Venanzi, Soderho Operations Manager



"My worst experience was missing the flight to Spain that my friends took, then, once I finally arrived—alone and unable to speak Spanish—getting ripped off by a taxi driver, who also dropped me off over a mile from my hotel."

- Dr. Pooley, Assistant Professor of Media & Communication



"I went to the Bahamas and was stalked by a local... fortunately I had met four males who made great bodyguards!"

- Chrissina Bui, Administrative Assistant, Human Resources

Compiled by Kim Nguyen

AMC Weekend Listings



Wild Hogs

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 9:50
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 9:50
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

Zodiac

Fri. 1:00, 6:30, 9:45
Sat. 3:00, 6:30, 9:45
Sun. 11:45, 3:00, 6:30

Bridge to Terabithia

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:30
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 9:30
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Ghost Rider

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Music and Lyrics

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 9:30
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 9:30
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

Norbit

Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
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The Number 23

Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
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Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

Reno 911: Miami

Fri. 4:50, 7:50, 10:00
Sat. 4:50, 7:50, 10:00
Sun. 1:50, 4:50, 7:50

Fun With Eggs: Russia

By Sarah Sansolo
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

The diehard fans show up at least thirty minutes early, eager to claim front-row seats and ensure unobstructed sightlines. After all, it can get very cramped in The Red Door—especially when the evening's entertainment is Fun with Eggs.

The Muhlenberg comedy troupe presented *Russia* to a packed Red Door on Saturday night. The show, with its constant stream of Harry Potter references, historical allusions and interruptions to present a list of scenarios in which certain actions aren't gay (i.e. It isn't gay if Gryffindor just earned ten points) was hysterical and had the entire audience applauding and laughing constantly.

The prepared skits never failed to be hilarious. One highlight was a spoof of Aaron Sorkin, writer of *The West Wing* and *Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip*, in which a new

TV show about life in a submarine was introduced and punctuated by frequent reminders to vote liberal.

A scene about a 4-H jam competition was also a clever moment, since the seemingly innocent competition turned into a mess as a mafia boss attempted to sabotage the efforts of his son's rival.

The opening skit, in which one Fun with Eggs actor woke to find himself transformed into John Cusack, was also hilarious and a great start to the show by using a well-known actor as a reference. The improv games and the musical numbers, however, were where *Russia* truly excelled. The talented actors really showed how much they were capable of when challenged to incorporate audience sug-

gestions into their acting. Crowd favorites like "Masters of the Universe" and "Step Left" were particularly funny, especially when the "Step Left" performers created a scene about an Italian brothel in which a disgruntled customer has come to speak with the manager (with frequent puns based on Italian food, of course).

The actors in the "Alphabet Game" did an excellent job of using sentences beginning with each successive letter of the alphabet given their seemingly impossible topic—grocery shopping in Parliament.

The best improv moment of the night, however, was when two actors had to make up a song on the spot

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with a topic provided by the audience. With only the word "pantyhose," the performers sang a hysterical song about a waitress who is given stockings by bank robbers.

The planned songs were also wonderful. A scene about a man (Richard III) and woman who despised each other during the War of the Roses was hilarious when it turned into a musical number about how much they truly loved each other.

The night ended on a solid note with another number (this time about *Russia*, among other things) that featured almost all of the Fun with Eggs performers in a comical song and dance.

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Just a reminder: It's not gay if it doesn't violate the Academic Behavior Code.

The triumph of Orpheus Descending

By Rebecca Unger
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Before seeing *Orpheus Descending*, I had heard from many sources that this play was considered to be one of Tennessee Williams' least successful ones. In fact, some reviewers even considered it to be a failure.

Going into it, I couldn't help but wonder why the College hadn't chosen one of his better known plays, such as Pulitzer Prize winners *A Streetcar Named Desire* or *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*. However, after seeing this show, it became clear that even a play considered to be one of his "failures" far surpasses most playwrights' successes!

Although it was, in essence, a tragic play, it had many humorous parts as well—ranging from sexual innuendos to senior Ashley Wallace's eccentric character, Carol Cutrere, who the audience was introduced to in white face and sans shoes. However, beyond this humor, it is a complex satire of the Greek myth *Orpheus*, focusing on southern racism during the time of the Reconstruction.

The play takes place in a general store in a fictional southern town. Of the typical southern characters, three stand out from the crowd: Carol, Lady Torrence (Gillian Leigh Visco '07) and Val Xavier (Brian Byus '07). Carol is the daughter of a well-off family, yet her lewd behavior and wildly inappropriate makeup and dress land her in much trouble.

Lady's father was murdered by the Ku Klux Klan for selling bootleg wine to black people. At the time of the play, she manages the general store, while juggling the pain of

her father's death and her cruel husband who's on his deathbed. However, it is Val, the Orpheus figure, who brings these women to life.

Like Orpheus, who played the leer, Val is a handsome young musician who finds himself stuck in this small southern town. He wants to try to lead a more proper life, free of partying, stealing and womanizing. Yet, he brings Lady's character to life. When Val and Lady speak for the first time, Val makes mention of a bird without feet.

Throughout the play, Lady finds this puzzling as she constantly compares Val to this fantastical bird, but it doesn't fit him. Yet, at the end of the play, it becomes increasingly clear that Lady is this bird, flying but unable to set foot on land.

While the play itself is full of rich metaphors, complex characters and heavy themes, it is the acting that allowed it to shine. For example, the duo of Dolly Hama and Beulah Binnings, played by Brittany Beatty '08 and Liz Wasser '08 respectively, brought a much-needed humorous spin to the proper behavior they continually imposed upon the leading characters.

Moreover, Wallace's beautiful and heart-wrenching performance captured the essence of her character, whose strange chanting and seemingly meaningless lines spoke volumes of her anguish. However, Visco truly stole the stage with her portrayal of Lady. She succeeded in both bringing the audience to laughter with her dry wit and then to tears in the very same scene!

Also, the chemistry between Lady and

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Feedback – Web 2.0

By Brian T. Johnston
SYSTEMS LIBRARIAN

Perhaps you've seen it. A video released on YouTube.com on Jan. 31 that became one of the most popular videos online (topping YouTube's featured video list on Feb. 7). Entitled "Web 2.0 ... The Machine is Us/ing Us" and created by Michael Wesch, Assistant Professor of Cultural Anthropology at Kansas State University, tries to convey in under five minutes what Web 2.0 is and how it impacts human interaction. The video is the work of the Digital Ethnography working group at Kansas State.

So what is Web 2.0 and why all the fuss? Web 2.0, simply stated, is an improvement in functionality over the first generation of the web. According to Tim O'Reilly, founder of O'Reilly Media, Web 2.0 has at its core a number of principles; most important is that Web 2.0 is built on "applications that harness network effects to get better the more people use them" (http://radar.oreilly.com/archives/2006/12/web_20_compact.html).

He describes the notion of the web as a platform, one with functionality to create and access data. The data is supplied by everyone. Hallmarks of Web 2.0 include things like syndication, blogs, wikis, social networking, tagging and the like. It incorporates the notion of participation—a community.

Take blogging, for example: While the idea of personalized home pages with journals isn't new,

Web 2.0 blogging standards allow for a number of fundamental changes. First is the idea of syndication via RSS (Really Simple Syndication) or Atom web feeds. These feeds publish frequently, updating sites such as blogs, podcasts or news sites. Now anyone can subscribe to a constantly updating site by subscribing to the feed. Unlike bookmarks to static pages of the past, the user is notified as soon as updates occur.

Another fundamental change is the notion of community that comes about through the function of commenting. Pretty soon, bloggers find they are part of an entire community just by reading other blogs, commenting and subscribing to even more feeds.

Perhaps the ultimate notion of community is created using social networking sites like Facebook.com or MySpace.com. Here, users create profiles and can interact with one another. You may be the only one on campus interested in the Five Hand Fist form of Wushu, but I'm sure you'll find someone on MySpace.com who shares that interest.

Flickr.com creates a whole world of images uploaded by anyone and organized by tags (or folksonomies—user defined language to describe the image). Tags are far more flexible than controlled language (think subject headings at the library) and anyone can add a tag. Services like del.icio.us combine features like tagging, wherein one creates a personal list of tagged web sites (like bookmarks), as well as syndication, wherein one can subscribe to the feed of another's list of

web sites.

Wiki technology allows anyone to create or edit a web page. The overwhelming success of Wikipedia.com is the shining example of wiki technology in use. The principle behind it is the more eyes that are on the information the better it will be, the more accurate it will be, and so on.

Mashups incorporate data streams from multiple sources into one page so a user has access to, say, a map, and directory listings coming from two different data sources. Or, take Flickr maps, this combines data in the form of photographs from Flickr with maps from Yahoo! for a unique visual mashup.

The above examples all speak to the fact that unlike old websites built on html where content and presentation are combined, new sites are built such that content and presentation are separated. Sho Kuwamoto, Senior Director of Engineering at Adobe, writes, "There's a lot of talk about Web 2.0, web mashups, AJAX, etc., which in my mind are all facets of the same phenomenon: that information and presentation are being separated in ways that allow for novel forms of reuse" (http://weblogs.macromedia.com/sho/archives/2005/08/web_20_rias_aja.cfm).

So where do you fit in the Web 2.0 equation? How do these phenomena affect things like copyright, peer review and trust? I suggest you start by watching the video. Then think of your own online experiences. Now make a bold statement...and syndicate it.

The Western Sky



Friday night in The Red Door, the band The Western Sky debuted a mix of rock songs and ballads, such as "Star" delighting their mostly female audience.

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Val was moving, as Byus turned a potentially heartless character into one who could steal the hearts of not only the female characters but of the audience as well.

But most of all, the chemistry between the two only made the tragic

end even more lamentable and moving.

Thanks to the production's poignant acting, accessible characters and emotional storyline, I was moved to tears.

In fact, I was so engrossed in the ever thickening plot and character development, that I did not even notice that three hours had gone by!

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change anyone and you certainly cannot change a person with a narcissistic personality. Some people feel drawn to these people because they seem like they have it all together, like they have so much going for them. In fact, they use other people around them to get what they want, build themselves up and achieve their own goals. They are very envious of those around them and use people to get what they want.

Don't get stuck dating a person like this. A relationship has to involve

two people. A Narcissist brings two things into the mix, him/herself and their reflection in the pond that they worship so dearly. They will never love or care for you as deeply as they do for themselves.

Surround yourself with people who have the kind of positive qualities you are looking for in a friend or significant other. It's one thing to catch your reflection in a window as you walk by.

It's quite another to drown in a pool of your own self-love. Stay safe, stay sexy Muhlenberg!

NFL draft preview:

Top five wide receivers

By Zack Gugenheim
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

So far, we have covered quarterbacks and running backs entering the NFL draft, and now we will cover what should be one of the most exciting groups of wide receivers to enter the draft in years.

1. Calvin Johnson, Georgia Tech

Last week, I said that running back Adrian Peterson would have been the top overall prospect if he hadn't had a history of injuries. However, Calvin Johnson has now taken the role of top prospect. This man's size and speed combination is incredible (6'5", 238 lbs., 4.35 40-yard dash) and has been making big time catches throughout his college career. This past season he had 1,202 yards and 15 touchdowns, which is incredible considering how bad his quarterback was. He has Randy Moss/Terrell Owens ability with a Marvin Harrison work ethic and attitude. There aren't many things that you can pick out to critique; he runs great routes, uses his body well and runs well after the catch. He has great hands to catch the ball and is a playmaker. There were some games where he did not make much of an impact, but part of that could be due to the quarterback. Overall, he is currently the number one pro prospect in this draft, even though he will most likely fall past the top two picks due to team needs.

Draft projection: Top five pick.

2. Dwayne Jarrett, Southern California

Standing at 6'5", 215 lbs., Jarrett is another beast of a receiver. He arguably has the best hands in the draft and is incredibly consistent.

He caught at least 12 touchdown passes in each of his three seasons as a Trojan and over 1,000 yards the past two seasons. Not as special of a specimen as Johnson, he lacks top-end speed. However, he does have deceptive speed and runs fantastic routes. He had a career game vs. Michigan in which he had 11 catches for 205 yards and two touchdowns (he was matched up against one of the best pro cornerback prospects in the draft, Leon Hall). He can be arrogant at times and benefited greatly from the talent around him. Overall, he is a great receiver and would be an upgrade for a lot of teams.

Draft projection: Top 15 pick.

3. Ted Ginn Jr., Ohio State

The speedster from Cleveland has seen his stock rise solely because of the impact Devin Hester made with the Bears this year. Although a very raw receiver (he started playing receiver only in college), his speed is the best of anyone in this draft. He can make plays in all aspects of the game and said he would like to also play cornerback at the next level. On special teams alone, he has recorded six punt return touchdowns and two kick return touchdowns in his career. He also ran back two more that were called back due to penalty. Not the best route runner, he hardly goes over the middle because of his slender frame (6'0", 175 lbs.). Ginn could end up being the second receiver taken in the draft because of his speed, but would be more of a gamble because of his rawness at the position.

Draft projection: Mid to late first round.

4. Robert Meachem, Tennessee

Meachem is another great specimen when it comes to size/speed combination (6'3", 210 lbs.,

ran in the 4.3 range of the 40-yd. dash). This young man really turned it on this past season. He had nearly 1,300 yards and 11 touchdowns, which surpassed his previous career totals for both with ease. He played against tough teams and for the most part rose to the occasion during huge games (never had less than four catches in every single game this season). Not the greatest at running routes, relies more on his physical and athletic ability to make plays. He will occasionally drop a few easy ones, most likely because he is more focused to make a play after the catch. He is very similar to Braylon Edwards of the Cleveland Browns.

Draft projection: Late first round.

5. Sidney Rice, South Carolina

Another big, physical receiver (6'4", 202 lbs.), Rice has the athletic ability to really become a top receiver in the NFL. He has great body control, and makes unbelievable plays, especially in when in the red zone. He also has fantastic hands and will win most jump balls that are thrown his way. He was extremely productive, even dominant, against a difficult schedule. He only played two years of college ball and is extremely raw. Speed is a concern, as he is not very explosive off the line. He also needs to get stronger to battle larger defensive backs. Durability is also a concern, as he has battled many minor injuries throughout his career. Overall, he is somewhat of a mixed bag, but has the potential to be a fantastic pro.

Draft projection: Late first round, early second round.

That's it for this week, hope you all have a fun, and safe, spring break!

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Mule Profile: Rob Kein

Gearing up for Nationals

By Heather Fox
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Rob Kein is a sophomore here at the College. He is a Finance major, also studying Political Science. Kein has gained recognition the past two winters as a member of the Wrestling Team. He has recently won the 141 lbs. Centennial Conference Championship, and he will be heading to Nationals next week.

Kein has been wrestling for 14 years but, originally, had no plans to continue on with it in college. His freshman year he ran cross-country with an intention to run throughout his college years, but he hadn't even considered wrestling when looking at colleges. He commented, "I was 100% positive that I would never wrestle again."

At the end of his 2005 cross-country season, Kein went to play racquetball, but found himself sidetracked by the wrestling practice taking place across the hall. He has remained a member of the Wrestling Team, instead of Track, ever since, and made it clear he won't be competitive again. "I'm glad I made the decision to come out for the team. I feel I would have regretted not having the college wrestling experience," said Kein. This semester Kein won three tournaments: the Monarch Invitation at King's in November, the Petrofes Invitational in December and the Centennial Conference Championships in February. He improved in all tournament performances and Conference placements from last year.

When asked what his favorite times of the season are, Kein replied, "Competition." He proved his talent and skill this year by heading to Nationals with a 17-match winning streak and overall record of 23-2.

But this season has not been without challenges. During a match against Ursinus, Kein tore the UCL in his elbow. He now wears a brace while wrestling in order to protect it. He started off the Conference Championship wearing it, but opted for no brace in the finals. Kein replied he would rather deal with the pain than wear the "large protusion" of a brace which could be easily grabbed by an opponent. He is still undecided whether or not to wrestle with the brace at Nationals. He will take an "all or nothing" approach to wearing the brace at Nationals so he can avoid being an easy, unprotected target by switching it on and off.

Despite all his years of experience wrestling, Kein still faces the challenge of making weight. Weight has always been a difficulty, and Kein tries "to cut as much weight as [he] can." His teammate, sophomore Matt Horn, said, "Somehow he always makes weight." When not worried about weight, Kein enjoys drinking Dr. Pepper.

Kein gets a lot of support from his family. His dad and uncle will be going to Iowa to watch the National Championship. He also finds much

support from his team. "We have the most fun out of any team I have ever seen," says Kein. The Wrestling Team, according to Kein, keeps a light mood. They all know it is not easy to wrestle, so they don't feel the need to fret all the time.

The team maintains a sense of humor around the high-pressured sport. When asked to comment on Kein, one teammate mentioned, "If he is as good of a wrestler as he is a World of Warcraft player, he will do turbo-good at Nationals." Sophomore teammate Colin Gibson is convinced that "on a good day Kein could beat anyone in the country." They also found it necessary to mention Rob as "one of the top five best-looking wrestlers on the team."

Nationals takes place next week. Kein will be accompanied by teammates sophomore Billy Hall (131 lbs.), junior heavyweight Joe Tartar and senior Matt Loesch (197 lbs.). Nationals is going to be a whole new experience and Kein is confident in his ability. He stated, "I'm gonna win Nationals." Good luck!



Kein has only been defeated twice this season and is the 141 lbs. Centennial Conference Champion.

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An early exit for Men's Basketball

By Victoria Davis
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

A rollercoaster season has come to an end for Men's Basketball. This year, the Mules have buried themselves in an eight-game losing streak, only to come back and finish the season strong. On Wed., Feb. 21, the Mules headed into the first round of the Centennial Conference Playoffs against Gettysburg (13-12, 10-8) and found themselves fighting hard throughout but never getting that extra push that would place them in the second round. Senior Brandon Mefford said, "We came out early missing shots, but we were able to go on a run during the second half to retake the lead. Unfortunately, we were unable to hold on."

Coming off a five-game winning streak at the end of the regular season, the Mules were uncharacteristically struggling with their offense. At halftime, they found themselves in a seven point hole, 31-24. In the second half, they took a 43-40 lead, but were unable to hang on and ended up losing

by a score of 60-51. Gettysburg will now compete in the second round of the Tournament against the number one team, Johns Hopkins.

Senior Tom Scott led the Mules with his second double-double of the season. He tallied 16 points and 12 rebounds in the losing effort. Scott was recently named Centennial Conference Player of the Week twice in a row and kept up his hard play until the end. He averaged 11.2 points and 4.9 rebounds per game, and his consistent play helped the Mules to reach the playoffs down the stretch. Senior Chris Huber followed up with 12 points of his own against Gettysburg.

Muhlenberg ended its season with a 10-15, 9-9 record. The Mules had another successful season, winning several nail-biters, but unfortunately their postseason was cut short and they were forced to make an early exit. However, Mefford said, "We left the game with no regret."

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team of Stuart Udis '09, Steve Rothwell '07, Pat Thornton '10 and Lex Mercado '07 provided

the Mules with their only gold medal. Although the Mules slightly trailed Haverford approaching the final leg of the race, the Mules' anchor, Mercado, was able to pass the Haverford runner down the home stretch, claiming first place with a time of 7:59.36. The Mules' other relay teams also performed well as the 4x400 team of Eric Miller '10, Bill Ryan '10, Dan Steinhart '08 and Mercado finished in second with a time of 3:30.16.

Several athletes had success in multiple individual events. Steinhart placed in both the 200 and 400 meter races, while Mercado placed in the 800 meters and the mile. Sophomore David Chorney also placed in the mile, and was fourth in the 3,000 meters with a time of 8:48.33, setting a new school record. Udis was involved in a photo finish in the 800 meters, finishing in second place by only one tenth of a second. Junior Michael Karchner and senior Matt Salles both provided the Mules with ECAC qualifying performances, as Karchner placed second in the long jump and Salles claimed third place in the shot put. Overall, the Men's Team combined for a total of 79 points, which was good enough to earn fourth place in the Centennial Conference.

Numerous athletes from both the Men's and Women's Teams will return to action on March 2nd and 3rd at the ECAC Championships, which will be held at Wesleyan University in Middletown, CT.

Swinging for the fences in 2007.

By Frank Citera
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The Mules Baseball Team has high hopes for their 2007 campaign. Last year, they had three seniors and a pitching staff that lacked depth and experience. This year is different. This year they have nine seniors and a solid pitching staff that have both experience and depth. When you couple those two things, with the fact that the Mules will be returning eight out of the nine batters that helped the Mules break school records for runs in a season with 308, hits in a season with 438 and walks in a season with 175, it makes for what could be a great year.

The Mules will be returning all of their pitchers from last year with senior starting pitcher Eric Wolfer returning from Tommy John surgery, and they will be adding a few additional arms to the mix as well. Wolfer, who was tied for the team lead in wins in 2005, only made three appearances last year before exiting the season early and undergoing Tommy John surgery. Returning seniors Jason Bonder and Thomas McDonald, junior Paul Faith and sophomores Joe Barrese, Mike Misciagna and Chris Conti, all have extensive game experience from last year; some new additions include senior Dave Andrews, sophomores Matt Ordog and Brent Morris, as well as freshman Phil Cresta. The Mules may even have too many pitchers, if that's possible. Last year, Bonder was the ace of an overused starting staff that included McDonald, Barrese and Faith. Bonder pitched 67 innings last year, followed closely by Barrese and McDonald who hurled 52 innings each. Misciagna led the Mules with 17 appearances out of the bullpen. Bonder, McDonald, Barrese and Misciagna all had three

wins each for the Mules.

With regards to position players, let's start with catcher. Last year, senior A.J. Bettini and junior Dan Asip split time behind the plate. Both proved themselves to be very reliable with Asip batting .329 on the year and Bettini throwing out almost 30% of potential base stealers. At first base, returning senior Mike Hart, who batted .333 last year even though he had a shoulder injury, appears poised to have a big year. Returning to second base and perhaps the most consistent Mule on the field will be senior Ryan Sassaman, who led the Mules in hits last season with 49, batted a sparkling .371 while stealing 15 out of 16 bases and played stellar defense.

With sophomore Brad Auerbach out for six to eight weeks due to wrist surgery, the Mules are left with many questions about shortstop. Senior Pete Oris, who was one of the top hitters in all of Division III last year, is returning to 3B/DH position. Oris was voted All Conference second team last season when he led the Mules in batting average, slugging percentage, on base percentage, runs batted in, triples, home runs and total bases with .429, .696, .519, 41, 4, 5 and 78 respectively. He is also only 22 RBI away from breaking Muhlenberg's all time record. Senior Matt Block, who started at short most of last season, has been getting some looks at 3B this season. He could start at 3B if Oris switches to a full time DH. Block led the Mules in assists and walks last season with 22 and 106 respectively.

Center field will most likely belong to sophomore Eric Hammond, who earned Centennial Conference honorable mention in his rookie campaign where he was second on the team with a .417 batting average and 34 runs scored. Returning sophomore John Kalis, who smashed

13 doubles last season as a freshman, breaking the school record for doubles in a season, will likely resume his duty as right fielder. Junior Joe Carlo, who played hurt for a large percentage of last year, is returning and will most likely get the nod to start in left field. He batted .353 and was second on the team with a .538 slugging percentage.

Making a push for some playing time could also be seniors McDonald and Bonder, both of which can play first base, as well as sophomore 1B/DH Edward Risener, who played extremely well (when he got the playing time) last season, earning a varsity letter as a freshman while batting .316. Speedy sophomore outfielders Chris Costa and Conti also may see some time. Costa, who served as a pinch runner and defensive replacement last year, proved to be reliable on the base pads. Freshman SS Eric Pomroy and 3B/SS Dan Fischer have also been making a push for some playing time.

One of the biggest changes the Mules have seen this year is with their new Head Coach Corey Goff. This will be Goff's first season as the Mules' Head Coach, however he is not new to the Muhlenberg family. He has served as an Assistant Head Coach on the Football Team, and is also the Assistant Athletic Director. Goff's off-season workout regiment and pre-season conditioning has drawn praise from many of the seniors who are not accustomed to having such disciplined routines. They all feel that it will help them make that jump into the playoffs this year. The Mules will depart for their Florida Spring Break trip to Disney's Wide World of Sports complex where they will play nine games in six days. This could be a great year.

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Senior Pete Oris led the Mules in several offensive categories, and this year he will play third base and serve as designated hitter.

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Women lead Track and Field to third place in the Centennial Conference

By Maura Hendsey
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Last weekend the Men's and Women's Track and Field teams traveled to Haverford College for the highly anticipated Centennial Conference Championships. Numerous athletes contributed strong performances in this critical meet, qualifying for the ECACs and breaking records. The Women's Team finished in third place by one half of a point, while the Men's Team claimed fourth.

The first day of competition opened with a bang as freshman Alex Faust claimed first place in the pole vault, clearing a height of 11 feet. In doing so, Faust also set a meet record in the event and earned the Most Outstanding Performer award for field events. The Women Team's second gold medal came on the second day of competition, when senior Katie Hesselink-Hicks soared inches above her previous personal best in the high jump. Hesselink-Hicks cleared a height of 5'4.25", qualifying for the ECACs but missing both the school record and the NCAA standard by less than one inch. Junior Sara Gearin also shined for the Mules as she improved her 3,000 meter time by more than eight seconds. With a time of 10:49.44, Gearin finished in eighth place and qualified for the ECACs. Seniors Jacquelyn Inverso and Rachel Drosdick had successful meets, placing in four and three events respectively. Both Inverso and Drosdick ran ECAC qualifying times in the 55 meter hurdles. Another outstanding performance came from freshman Debra Crockett in the shot put. Crockett claimed second with a throw of 36'8.5", setting a new school record. The Women's relay teams were also quite successful. The 4x200, 4x400 and 4x800 relay teams placed second, third and fourth respectively. Due to the combined efforts of all of the Muhlenberg women, the team was able to

claim third place in the Centennial Conference, finishing only one half of a point behind second-place Johns Hopkins.

Despite some setbacks, the injury stricken Men's Team also fared well at the Conference meet, finishing fourth overall. The 4x800 relay

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Senior Katie Hesselink-Hicks cleared a height of 5'4.25" and qualified for the ECACs.

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Another season in the books for Women's Basketball

By Josh Goldstein
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

After losing three in a row, the records were re-set and the Mules traveled down to McDaniel to play Dickinson in the Centennial Conference semi-finals. The Mules received some good news before the game that Ursinus had beaten number one McDaniel and would advance to the finals. However, the number three seeded Mules would still need to win their game before even thinking about the number four seeded Ursinus Bears. Muhlenberg had quite the challenge in front of them as the Dickinson Red Devils had owned the Mules, winning both regular season matchups and also had the fourth ranked defense in Division III.

The first half saw the defensive minded Red Devils jump out to a early lead, scoring off turnovers

forced by their full court pressure defense and forcing misses from the Mules. The Mules, without junior point guard Abra Like, were forced to put sophomore Lauren Boyle out of position and in charge of the offense. Boyle, always a competitor, gave it her all but had five of the Mules 12 first-half turnovers. She also led the Mules in first-half scoring with a total of four points. It was evident early on that the Mules would have to come from behind in this one. The end of the first half saw the Red Devil Defense hold the Mules to 16 points on 27% shooting, including 0-4 from behind the arc, a weapon the Mules have successfully used all season.

The second half was not any better for the Mules. They fell behind as many as 21 points and continued to struggle shooting. They shot 25% in the second half from both the field and beyond the arc. They

would play some better defense, holding the Red Devils without a field goal for the last 6:30, but it was too little too late, losing 49-35.

The Mules were led in scoring by senior Meghan Courtney with nine points and rebounds by Boyle who had seven of them to go along with her four assists. It was a disappointing end but a great run for the winningest class in Mules Women's Basketball history. We will miss Emily Wright and Courtney, Co-Centennial Conference player of the year.

It has been quite the interesting season for the Mules. We saw them win the Scotty Wood Tournament. The Tournament win propelled them into a fast start with an 11-0 record before falling to McDaniel. We saw a team go 6-1 in games decided by five points or less with some historic defensive stands keeping teams scoreless for three minute

periods at the end of the game. We saw Wright and Boyle each score of 20 points and Courtney hit the 30 point mark and score her 1000th career college point. We saw Like drop ten assists in a game. We saw Courtney grab over ten rebounds numerous times. We saw the Mules hold a team to less than 40 points and be held to less than 40 points. They were ranked as high as 20th in the Nation at one point before hitting some tough losses. We are forced to say goodbye to great seniors, Wright and Courtney, but have welcomed some great Freshmen.

This Muhlenberg team has been fun to cover, and though it was disappointing not to win the Conference, this is a group who has a lot to look forward to in the future. A group that has the potential to win the Conference for the next three years.

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Pasquarello takes on new management position at DeSales

By Sara Horowitz
NEWS EDITOR

John Pasquarello, General Manager of Dining Services since August 2000, has announced his resignation. Pasquarello has accepted the position of General Manager at DeSales University, located in Center Valley, Pa. DeSales is another Sodexo operating account located in the Lehigh Valley. Glenn Gerchman, Director of Student Union and Campus Events, hopes "we will continue to see John from time to time on campus."

Pasquarello recalls his initial interview about six years ago and even then, he remembered thinking "I would be very fortunate to have the opportunity to work here." Reflecting on his time at the College, Pasquarello said, "I have been part of many proposed renovations over the years and I feel confident that renovations will happen and my input will be part of the renovations. I was pleased to be part of the development of the

Lifestyles Meal Plan and felt like we made a huge step in giving the Muhlenberg students meal plans with more options and more flexibility."

One of his most memorable moments was winning a Henry Award. Pasquarello said, "I will say now what I said then, that award is reflective of our entire department and the commitment everyone here has to Muhlenberg. I was thrilled to accept the award on behalf of our department. I will proudly display that award in my office at DeSales and will look forward to telling everyone about The Henry's."

Gerchman said Pasquarello will "be missed in Seegers Union and around campus. He is a great guy with a big heart and always has a smile. Customer service is his number one objective."

Sharon Venanzi, Operations Manager, said, "I am very sad John is leaving. It's been great working with him! He's just a great guy and very well liked within the campus community as well as in dining services. He will be missed!"

Just as Pasquarello will be missed by many, he will miss many aspects of his job and the College as well. Pasquarello said, "I will miss the dining services employees who have supported me over the years and the managers who really run the program. They are the most dedicated group of professionals I have had the pleasure of working with. I will also miss members of the Administration who clearly set the tone here at Muhlenberg. I have never seen so many people who care so much about students in the 20 plus years I have worked on college campuses."

In the past few years, students have noticed many changes and improvements

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New Dorm open and filling up quickly

By Michael Miller
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Most of the Student Body has probably noticed the construction on 22nd and Chew Streets. If you have not seen it, or you are wondering what it is, that new building is a new dormitory and students have already moved in. The unnamed dormitory currently being called 2201 Chew Street is one of the new buildings currently being built on campus.

"Our mission with these buildings was to give juniors and seniors another option. We ultimately want the building on 22nd St. and the new MacGregor Village to be the buildings to replace Robertson and South", said Aaron Bova, Associate Director of Residential Services.

The new dorm at 2201 Chew Street was constructed by Penn Lyon Homes, and has 12 apartments with double bedrooms, a bathroom, kitchen and living

room. The facility has been described as magnificent. "The only thing left to do, besides a few fixes inside, is the parking outside. Right now, students are parking on stone gravel, which is fine, and we will start paving in April, when the weather gets warmer," explained Bova.

The student residents could not be happier. "I am very happy to now be living on campus in the new dorms, as opposed to Tremont," stated Kyle Casey '08. "I love being in the new building." All the students had an easy time moving in when the construction was finished. Aaron Bova and a moving crew helped the students move heavy items and big boxes into the new dorm. Casey said, "Move in day was easy because of Aaron Bova and the moving crew."

Students who were moved from

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Sandella's now open in The Red Door

By Eirinn Disbrow
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

If you have been downstairs in Seegers Union recently, you have probably noticed the signs for Sandella's, the new dining facility in The Red Door. Sandella's first opened its doors on Mon., March 12, the day after Spring Break. It offers some unique items which can not be found in the General's Quarters or Garden Room, including the very popular Chicken Fajita Quesadilla or Smoked Bacon Pizza. For the vegetarians on campus, Sandella's offers a number of options like the Veggie Quesadilla or the Hummus Wrap. Sandella's is located in The Red Door and its hours are Mon-Thurs from 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m..

Glenn Gerchman, Director of Dining Services, explains that when deciding what food to serve at Sandella's, dining services tried to pick options that would satisfy a mass portion of the Student Body. They also tried to choose foods that were slightly different to what is normally served on campus. "Students have been telling us that they want more variety with the food. We wanted to bring in something that was a little more unique and not just the typical burgers and fries that you can get in the GQ or Garden Room," said Gerchman.

It was also very important that Sandella's was set up as quickly and efficiently as possible.

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John Pasquarello, pictured here, will be missed when he leaves the College.

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When there's a Mr. there should be a Miss... or not

Typically, "Mr." has been a title clapped onto the male gender, yet this year, a female student was nominated along with the equipment baring men. As the Mr. Muhlenberg competition comes and goes, it might have the women on this campus wondering, "Why can't the girls participate, why isn't there a competition purely for women? Where is Miss Muhlenberg?"

In an ideal world, a female competition showcasing swimwear, talent and a question and answer session would be drama-free, purely acting as a "scholarship program" according to *Miss Congeniality* versus a beauty pageant. But let's face the facts, this is not an ideal world and though brains is much better than beauty, for some reason, pretty people tend to finish first in this crazy place called American society. In *Miss Congeniality*, Sandra Bullock exclaims, "Cause I'm not gonna parade around in a swimsuit like some airhead bimbo that goes by the name, what Gracie Lou Freebush and all she wants is world peace?" Unfortunately, pageants, whether they be scholarship driven or not, have been ruled by push-up bras and bleached, Vaseline-coated teeth. Though there are moments in Miss America and Miss USA competitions where contestant competence is definitely tested, how the tanned ladies look in a bathing suit and formal gown still seems to rule the stage.

At Mr. Muhlenberg, men ribbon dance in Hammer-style pants, dress as whales or don pint-sized Speedos, rap, pop n' lock, and moonwalk their way to crowning glory. In other words, the guys don't take the competition seriously. Women can be catty beasts, backstabbing and sweet-talking their way to greater heights. Though a Miss Muhlenberg competition may not start out as a beauty pageant, just give it time. Things always evolve, and in this case, we feel that it would evolve into something that could be potentially hurtful, backward and shallow—no longer resembling the innocent entertainment it may have started out as and no longer possessing the sort of integrity the College would be proud to represent.

Mr. Muhlenberg doesn't need a Miss to balance the scales of sexual equality or equal opportunity. If fact, it would probably dock women's rights back a few decades, start a few female feuds on campus and become an popularity contest. Some may think we are not giving women on this campus enough credit, and perhaps we are not. But at least we are being realistic and by looking at female tendencies toward jealousy, competition, and an obsession with appearances, a Miss would be a big mistake.

To the Editor:

With elections for the new Student Council term coming up this Monday, you must consider which qualities are necessary to hold the various positions in the organization and which candidates possess them. All of the positions, whether they are class officers or class representatives, require similar degrees of discipline and responsibility.

Student Council is the primary organization on campus responsible for allocating funds to the different student groups that make Muhlenberg such a dynamic and active campus. Additionally, they are responsible for planning events of their own, such as the annual Henry Awards.

Matt Sones has acquired these traits over the course of his three Student Council terms, while Jake Nelson has yet to have those experiences.

One of the most important positions that can be held within the framework of Student Council is the position of Class President. This job is especially important, because the President is class leader as well as the primary class spokesperson to the rest of the council.

For those of you who do not know yet, Jake Nelson '08 is running against Matt Sones '08 for the position of President of the Class of 2008. Sones has served on Student Council for the last three years as a responsible and dedicated representative. He has become a key element of the organization and has been responsible for planning events such as, last year's Henry Awards, the Mr. Muhlenberg competition, countless s'more nights, class dances and fundraisers, which have made all of these activities possible.

While Sones has served his constituents dutifully and efficiently for the

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

This past Thursday at the Student Council meeting, a group of students led by Matt Fash, President of the Class of 2009, brought up an Accountability Resolution before the rest of Council. This resolution would install a Peer Review Board that would serve as a checks and balance system for Council members and would include three non-Council members and two voting Student Council

It raises an extremely pertinent question: Why would 13 members of your Student Council vote against a resolution that almost all of you... strongly desired to be passed?

members. This resolution has been on the table since its introduction at the last Student Body meeting of last semester.

Don't vote for people who won't vote for you

After being incessantly postponed by certain Council members, a vote was finally agreed upon Thursday night even though it was brought about by underhanded actions.

The required two-thirds majority to pass this resolution was not achieved despite having more members in favor of this motion.

I am troubled by this outcome as it raises an extremely pertinent question: Why would 13 members of your Student Council vote against a resolution that almost all of you, non-Council members, strongly desired to be passed?

Is this group of certain representatives that you, the Student Body, voted into office looking out for your interests and voting for the things that you want? After this past meeting, the answer to this simple question is obviously, no. These voting members have turned their backs on you, Muhlenberg, and so next Monday, please go out and vote for change and for a new set of representatives who will.

I also encourage you to contact your current Class Representatives and ask why this resolution was not passed by your peers.

Alison Magnotti-Nagel '07

A high quality candidate

past three years, Nelson has not yet held a position of office and has only attended one Student Council meeting. Sones, on the other hand, has attended around 25-30 Student Council meetings a year since his freshman year. Additionally, he has been a key player on many of the different committees which make the actions of Council possible.

This naturally raises the question as to what qualities are necessary for the position of Class President. It is a position where experience in Council and leadership roles takes priority over all other factors. It also requires a working knowledge of Student Council and a sensibility to the needs of the class. Matt Sones has acquired these traits over the course of his three Student Council terms, while Jake

Nelson has yet to have those experiences.

Aptly put, Matt Sones has the sense of leadership and responsibility necessary to be the next President for the Class of 2008.

Dan Orlow '08

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Presidential preferences shouldn't be grounded in prejudice



World News & Politics

Joe Caporoso
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

There are two ways to look at our nation: in an idealized way or a realistic way. In the idealized version, America is a nation built on the noble values of classical liberalism, which advocates freedom and equality for all people. Human beings are rational, and thus, in keeping with rationality, would never shy away from electing a qualified leader because of sex or race.

Then there is the realistic version of America, which was not built on freedom and equality for all people. Rather, it was constructed through the enslavement of an entire race of people and the violent uprooting of Native Americans. In this version, an elite class of predominantly old white men run the nation.

In idealized America, each citizen will actively educate themselves on the platform of all the major candidates running for President. They will then make an informed decision of who to support based on what policies they think will best guide the country. There will be no hesitance to support Barack Obama because he is black, only because he has been in the Senate for two years. A citizen won't vote for Hillary Clinton because they disagree with her stance on the war in Iraq, not because she is a female. In this idealized version, Obama and Clinton could very well become elected President of the country.

In reality, only a small percentage of citizens will educate themselves on the issues paramount to the election. Many will find comfort in the

precedent of the type of person who has been President and shy away from Obama and Clinton. Prejudices and lack of education will

cause misconceptions that Barack Hussein Obama is of Middle-Eastern descent. They will express annoyance at Hillary Clinton for running for the Presidency in her husband's shadow, and a belief that if she is elected, Bill will do all the work. In this version, Obama and Clinton face improbable odds of being elected President.

Perhaps America can meet somewhere between their idealized and realistic version. Maybe political apathy will become less common and encourage a more introspective look into a candidate's policies instead of their race or gender. The answer depends on how much faith you have in the American public. Yet, before you lose faith in them to break their old habits, remember what the past seven years have shown us. An old white man, from a well-established political family, may not be the best person to run the country after all.

Regardless of who is elected President in the year 2008, it is time for our country to recommit itself to learning about those candidates who are running for our highest governmental office. A study of each candidate's full platform of policies is necessary to make an informed choice. Making a choice based on a single issue, gives too much power to the special interest groups in this country. Beyond that, making a choice simply because of sex or race is antiquated and displays a lazy prejudice that does nothing but potentially leave some of our most talented politicians out of the mix.

In idealized America, each citizen will actively educate themselves on the platform of all the major candidates for President. They will then make an informed decision of who to support based on what policies they think will best guide the country.

Words of wisdom for new Council Reps.

By Dave Dolan
WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

In order for Student Council to be truly effective, it needs to be completely revamped and requires a strong leader.

If Student Council truly wants more respect and less apathy from the students that it "represents," then Council must demonstrate to the community that it is going to uphold its end of the bargain. Give the students a voice! Instead of having student group advisors sign-off on room reservations, let the Executive Board members be allowed to reserve the room. We are all adults, and we can all make responsible decisions. With the current regulations and restrictions, it is not much different from high school, otherwise.

Newly elected Representatives, treat your nominations with respect and honor. You have the power to make the changes necessary to improve the College. With persistence and dedication, you will not be far from mastering the ability to mold this community into something great. Do not waste this opportunity. This does not go without saying that the current members have not done anything; rather, our elected leaders should be held accountable for their actions or lack of action.

My challenge to this next Council is to work not only in unison with each other but with the community regardless of gender, race, creed or sexual preference. This may seem like a no-brainer, but the College has still not updated its rules and regulations for the 21st century. We need student leaders who are willing to incorporate these changing ways. We also need elected leaders to help bring the community up-to-date with the changing times, not just technologically, but also socially and politically. Do not buy into empty promises. As a student, you should be asking questions and working with your elected Representatives. That is why everyone must become an active member in their community if they want to see progress. Step up to the challenge and make this a better place, not just for yourselves but for everyone. And remember, as Bishop Eddie Lee Long once said, "You are not condemned by your yesterday, if you can grab hold of your now...move...change and be now."

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Cleaning up the Garbage State

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Are you a resident chemicals.
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tired

of explaining to your out-of-state friends that Jersey is not, in fact, as dirty as everyone claims it is? Well, those "dirty Jersey" jokes may have a lot more truth to them than you think and it's not Jersey's fault either.

The White House has just released its environment budget and New Jersey lawmakers are now analyzing its devastating impact to the state of New Jersey. There have been massive cuts to the Environmental Protection Agency's budget in 2007 to the tune of a half of a billion dollars in order to maintain tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans and the war in Iraq. Law makers have now realized that these budget cuts mean a lot less money for clean air, water and most importantly, the cleaning of dangerously toxic Superfund sites.

New Jersey has the most Superfund sites of any other state in the country. Superfund Sites are heavily contaminated toxic waste sites left over from industries that have been closed down because of their deadly levels of dangerous

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chemicals. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has a National Priorities List that categorizes the sites by level of contamination and danger to human life. These sites contain chemicals such as arsenic, barium, benzene, lead and mercury which have been linked to cancers, birth defects, deformities, and death to those exposed to them.

Sites are cleaned up in order of their appearance on the list. Since 1980, when the Superfund site program began, there have been 1,562 sites, of which 567 sites are in New Jersey alone. 317 of these sites have been cleaned since the program's inception in 1980, and in the early '90s, these sites were being cleaned at a rate of over 80 per year. Because of these new budget cuts, the EPA will only be able to clean about 24 in 2007, which is down from the original amount of 30 in 2006.

These budget cuts are the lowest in environmental funding since 2001. The new environment budget cut also affects the Clean Water

State Revolving Fund, which ensures that communities are able to clean their water of sewage and contaminants for water that is essential to every day life. The Clean Water Revolving Fund would be cut by \$200 million in 2007, which would mean an \$8 million decrease from 2007 for New Jersey alone.

When the cancer rate in America is increasing exponentially each year, it is necessary to wonder if it may be due to our environment. How important are our tax cuts and our noble war on terrorism if we can't even enjoy our lives at home because we cannot prioritize? This is not a problem that is only advocated by tree huggers and liberals. It is something over which Americans can unite because our

health is so much more important than petty party wars. It may be time that the citizens of New Jersey speak out against the destruction of our environment so we can continue to be the beautiful Garden State. We don't want to end up the subject of another Erin Brokovich-like movie.

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Pulling out early leaves partners unsatisfied

By Nadine Goldman
WEEKLY OP/ED WRITER

On March 12, at the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) 2007 Policy Conference held in Washington DC,

Israeli leaders, Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Tzipi Livni both cautioned the United States against an early withdrawal from Iraq. At the fourth anniversary of the beginning of the Iraq war, it's worth looking past the clamor for an early withdrawal and examining what the consequences would be.

Israel is concerned and rightfully so. An early withdrawal from Iraq puts Israel, our steadfast ally in the Middle East, in jeopardy. Iran, already a huge threat by developing nukes and arming Shiites in Iraq, would be in an even better position to wreak havoc upon the region and especially upon Israel. (President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has denied the Holocaust and called for the destruction of Israel numerous times). At the AIPAC Conference, the Israeli leaders made it clear that failure to defeat the forces of Islamic extremism would only make them stronger.

It should come as no surprise that when Minority Leader John A. Boehner (R-OH) asked in his speech at the conference, "Who doesn't believe that failure in Iraq is not a direct threat to the very existence of Israel?" and asserted that, "we have no choice but to win in Iraq," he was received with a standing ovation. In contrast, when Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi claimed that the war in Iraq had failed, she was met with a

mix of applause and boos. Israel supporters recognize that the presence of American troops is actually a stabilizing force in Iraq right now.

They aren't the only ones. The latest myth among antiwar Americans is that Iraq is headed towards an inevitable civil war; however, a British poll of more 5,000 Iraqis found that most Iraqis are optimistic and a 2:1 majority felt that the American troop surge would be successful in disarming warring militias and quelling the sectarian violence. Only 27 percent believed that they were in the midst of a civil war. 49 percent of respondents believed that their lives were better now under Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki as opposed to the 26 percent who believed things were better during Saddam Hussein's era. The poll of over 2,000 Iraqis conducted by USA Today, ABC News, the British Broadcasting Corp. and the German TV network ARD, whose findings were much less optimistic, still showed reservations about an immediate withdrawal from Iraq: Only 35 percent of respondents favored an immediate withdrawal while 40 percent believed that US forces should stay until security is restored.

There is no question that many mistakes were made in the planning and execution of the war in Iraq. The war in Iraq is not a failure, nor will it be, unless we fail to send the necessary troops and resources to win it, in which case the oft-heard calls by the antiwar protestors of Iraq as "another Vietnam" will become a self-fulfilling prophesy. We can't afford to pull out early, because there's too much at stake.

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Don't talk about it, be about it!

By Marcus Mathieson
WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

Between rising gas prices, the atrocities being committed in Darfur and an American public that is becoming more and more convinced that their leaders are either corrupt or incompetent. There certainly is a lot that could be better. Let's face it, there's a lot that just plain sucks right now.

More importantly, if you agree with any of the aforementioned problems, what have you done to solve them? I honestly hope that you're thinking of something, because if we aren't stopping these problems, what are we doing complaining about them? My beef comes

when I talk to others about their complaints and that's all that happens...they complain and don't offer any remedies for the situation. When did we become such a large group of whiners? It's

really not that hard to problem solve on a global scale. People need to stop complicating situations to the point where they believe there is nothing they can do. Keep it simple and be practical.

Not happy with the current gas prices? Do you carpool?

Not happy with the current situation in Darfur? Have you written a letter to your representatives telling them how displeased you are and how you would like to see something done?

Not happy with the current administration? Are you able to vote and actually take the 30 minutes out of the year to flip a few switches?

There are lots of things that we can do that

don't require us to sacrifice an arm or a leg for a cause. They don't require you to uproot your lifestyle. They don't even cost anything. Hell, you may even get excited about what you're doing. People need to realize that when they do something, no matter how small, it is still something. You could even snag a few people to follow in your footsteps and help you in your cause.

People, instead of just saying what is wrong with this world, we need to think about something to do to improve it! It always seems easier to

generalize a problem and then find a scapegoat to blame the problems on rather than do something about it. Let's do something about that! Americans have so many resources available to them, it seems stupid by other countries' standards that we aren't solving our own problems by using what we have access to! Stop thinking your life is so unfortunate and realize how fortunate you really are! You are all taking classes here at the College, and I'm making a dangerous assumption, learning something from them. So let's go out there and apply what you know!

Twice in one week, I was listening to a professor speak about problems with various situations. I felt that both of these people were very knowledgeable in their respective areas and that the problems they raised were very important. I then asked them what was being done to correct these problems. The answer I received back was the same: "I haven't even thought about that!"

If you get enough support, solving the problem doesn't seem so daunting, complicated or impossible.

I am hoping that this effect could happen more often, but would become self-evident to people. Just take a step back and sort out your options to chip away at whatever makes you ill. Also, don't forget to do the same to the whiners out there. If someone is complaining, ask them what they could do to make it better. Again, even if it appears to be such a small, insignificant thing you're doing to help, remember that at least one person's helping.

Don't be afraid to help others out too! We've all had our bad days, so why wouldn't you help out someone who you believe is fighting an uphill battle when it doesn't cost you anything? You may even get a warm, fuzzy feeling inside.

On the Valentine's Day snowstorm here, there was a man who was clearly not able to get his car out by himself. His tires kept shredding snow and ice, rocking his car back-and-forth, but overall, he was stuck. Sledders on the library hill had been watching this frustrated man for about a minute or two, then something magical happened. Someone grabbed their sled, started talking to their friends and a horde of college students began to shovel out the man with their sleds. The man had the biggest smile on his face out of all of the people that I saw that entire day.

This was the exactly the kind of situation I'm talking about when I say that we can all do our part to solve a problem. By taking up a cause, each of us will surely have friends willing to support us in it. If you get enough support, solving the problem doesn't seem so daunting, complicated and impossible. It's time we all grab our sleds and dig out our own cars, I say. The smiling man at the end will surely be a more than adequate reward.



Muhlenberg College Trexler Library March 23rd

★ **Do you have a video/DVD you've forgotten to return?**
Bring a canned good/non-perishable food item and the video/DVD to the library on March 23rd and we'll waive your fine.

★ **Do you have an Interlibrary Loan that's overdue?**

Bring a canned good/non-perishable food item and the book to the library on March 23rd and we'll waive your fine.

★ **Have you found that book you thought was lost?**

Bring a canned good/non-perishable food item and the book to the library on March 23rd and we'll waive your fine.

★ **Have you accumulated fines on your library account?**

Bring a canned good/non-perishable food item for each fine to the library on March 23rd and we'll waive your fines. All items must be returned to qualify, offer not valid on items currently checked out, lost, or billed for replacement.

All canned goods/non-perishable items will be donated to food banks in the Allentown Community.

All items must be in good condition to qualify for this offer.

PASQUARELLO

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which have been made to suit their dining needs. Pasquarello had worked closely with members of Student Council to ensure these needs were met. Pasquarello said he would miss many students "who have embraced me and my family. I have always looked forward to Commencement Weekend when I meet the families of so many students and have the opportunity to wish students well as they continue with life after Muhlenberg. It's tough to imagine not being here this year."

Barrie Schessler '10, Class Representative and the Seegers Union Committee Co-Chair, has worked with Pasquarello on many different occasions. Schessler said, "John is such an asset to the Muhlenberg community. He works so hard with the administration and students to make sure he is doing everything in his

power to make the Muhlenberg dining experience even better. I know I'll sure miss him!"

Karen Green, Dean of Students and Vice President of Student Affairs, although new to the College, has had a chance to work with Pasquarello over the past year. Before coming to the College in 2000, Pasquarello served as General Manager at Wells College, located in upstate NY, which happens to be another Sodexo operation. Green had heard about Pasquarello before coming to the College because she was Dean of Students at Wells College soon after he left to come to Muhlenberg.

"Everyone on the staff who had worked with John shared what a wonderful person he was and how I would enjoy working with him. I came to understand their affection for him when we finally met and began working together. John is enthusiastic, open to suggestions and cares deeply about the dining experience

for our students. I've witnessed him table-hopping to question students about their meal and pitching in to help his staff manage all of the operations," said Green.

The College hopes to find

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Student Affairs

someone just as "hands on" as Pasquarello. Effective Mon., March 26, Suzanne Flederbach will take on the role of Interim General Manager for the College's dining operation. Flederbach is familiar with the College: she graduated in 1982 and even got married in the Chapel. Flederbach is the Director

of Dining Services at Lehigh University where she manages the Rathbone Student Restaurant, several concessions and retail operations in the business center. While Flederbach serves as Interim, Sodexo will start its 90 day process of searching for a full-time General Manager.

Sodexo typically runs candidates through their HR rigors and then identifies two candidates who best meet the criteria to manage the dining operation at the College. This initial process is headed by Todd Snyder, Sodexo's District Manager. After the first screening, Gerchman, key college administration and a student representative will interview the finalists and collectively find the most qualified individual to fill Pasquarello's shoes as General Manager.

Gerchman recognizes it will be hard to find a suitable replacement right away but anticipates that in due time, Sodexo and the College will find an

individual with just as much character and charm as Pasquarello to eventually become an active member of the College community.

Green echoes the thoughts of many who know Pasquarello when she says, "John will be missed, but he's moving on to another opportunity where I hope he'll be welcomed and appreciated for his many talents. It's been a pleasure working with him."

Although Pasquarello is excited about taking what he has learned at the College and bringing it to DeSales, he plans to keep in touch with many of the friends he has made here and hopes to have the opportunity to support the College sometime in the future. Pasquarello said that his time here has changed his life, "as it has for many people. I will always remember the great times I had here and I would like to thank everyone here at the College for their support over the years."

SANDELLAS

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Gerchman explained, "We wanted to combat the lines in GQ, and Sandella's was a quick solution to fixing this problem. We believe that the long lines are largely due to scheduling issues but unfortunately, that issue can not be helped until the fall of 2007." Most people agree that Sandella's has at least, temporarily, helped the crowds that can normally be seen in GQ from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.. Lois Zielinski, a Sodexo employee who works at the General's Quarters confirms that "the majority of students seem to be going to Sandella's now. I just heard one of the chefs at the grill commenting about how his job has gotten a little easier since Sandella's opened. I have also noticed that the lines are no longer going out the door like they were before."

The process of adding Sandella's to the College first began a few months ago when a food preference survey was passed out among the Student Body. Todd Snyder, the District Manager of Food Services explained that he was impressed when 700 students responded to the survey. He said, "Feedback from the food surveys really

helped lead us down the path to what sort of food alternative should be available. The next step was to take a group of Student Council members on a tour of the different food options in the Lehigh Valley area." The Student Council members were taken to Lehigh University, Ursinus College and Moravian College, which are all supplied by Sodexo. The students took taste tests and rated which food items were their favorites.

Barrie Schessler '10, Class Representative, felt that the experience was extremely worth while. "We got to experience what potential our school has to revamp in the 2009 renovations. It also showed us the possibilities of the different types of foods we could bring in like sushi, salads and Mexican food."

Sandella's actually has about 210 different menu items available that can easily be rotated in and out. Gerchman says that "we are waiting to see what the numbers tell us about which menu items are the most popular so that we can determine which ones will stay." Sandella's will only offer about a dozen items at a time because the speed of service is such a critical factor. "The reason why GQ

has such a problem with lines is because there are so many different options," explains Gerchman. Rebecca Haverson '10 agrees that the speed of Sandella's service is an important part of its appeal. Haverson said, "With my class schedule, I usually don't have that much time to get lunch but at Sandella's, the lines are a lot shorter and a lot of the food is prepackaged so it makes getting food a lot easier for me."

The general feedback on Sandella's seems to be fairly positive. Snyder comments that "it really is great to work with the students because they give me a lot of feedback right away and so far, we have been very happy with the results."

Despite the positive feedback, there are still some students who believe that there is room for improvement. Jonathan Falk '10 says that he "would like the quality of

the chicken to improve." Schessler also agrees that there is still much more room for improvement, not just at Sandella's, but in all of the College's dining facilities. "Our food is on par with other schools, if not better. But our equipment is old and the overall look needs to be modernized because if it looks bet-

ter, it tastes better. We are in the process of trying to expedite renovations," said Schessler.

There will most likely be many improvements to the College's dining situation in the future but for now, Sandella's seems to be an effective answer to short term problems.



Students enjoy new food options at Sandella's now found in The Red Door.

PHOTO BY AMANDA WADE

Pick your flick at Trexler Library

By Jamie Schneider
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Matt Pearson, Representative of the Class of 2010, proposed that the College starts a "DVD Lending Library." The "Lending Library" is a collection of DVDs that will be added to those already available in Trexler Library. This newer collection would be comprised of donated entertainment DVDs that would be put aside for use with the proposed DVD Lending Library program. Participation in the program will be optional. Students interested in the program will be able to pay a \$5.00 subscription fee per semester for access to all DVDs in the collection. Each student will be able to check out one DVD at a time and can keep the DVD for three days from the date of check out.



Matt Pearson '10, is excited to see his proposal through.

PHOTO BY JAMIE SCHNEIDER

Since Pearson feels that there aren't many options open to freshmen looking to purchase and/or rent entertainment DVDs, he drafted the proposal for this new program. According to Pearson, "The reason I felt so compelled to write this program is that, as a first year student, there weren't a lot of options when it came to purchasing entertainment DVDs. I decided that as a Representative of the Class of 2010, it was my duty to do something about it."

Pearson, himself, plans on donating a majority of the DVDs used to start the program. Other students have shown support and offered to donate DVDs to the program as well. The program is expected to start with a base of 200 DVDs ready to be catalogued for the Lending Library.

Late fees will be incurred when DVDs are not returned in a timely manner. Both membership and late fees will go towards purchasing and adding the top three "New Releases" to the DVD collection every Tuesday.

"I think this is a really great idea, it will cut down on shuttle use and late fees at Blockbuster. I owe Blockbuster and the library money and I can't wait to owe this program money as well," said David Yaron '08.

The DVD Lending Library Proposal has been passed through Student Council. A committee will soon be formed to present the ideas to the Trexler Library Staff, so the DVD Lending Library program can get started in the near future.

"The new Lending Proposal would be a great asset for students to take advantage of. First year students won't have to wait for the shuttle to take them to Blockbuster and students of all years could just walk over to the library to rent a new release," said Barrie Schlessler '10.

New napkin dispensers to the rescue

By Emily Rabson
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

One of the newest changes to the dining services at the College is the implementation of napkin dispensers in the Garden Room and General's Quarters. Prior to these change, tables held stacks of napkins in plastic containers. Although these napkins were easy to see and useful for students if they were consuming large amounts of food, members of the College believed that napkin dispensers would benefit the students and the environment.

Adrian Shanker '09, President of EnACT, explains, "The napkin dispensers serve two main purposes. The first one is sanitation. It is unsanitary when people take a large amount of napkins and then put some back after they have already touched them. The second," Shanker adds, "is that the napkin dispensers conserve the amount of napkins being wasted. Since you can only take one napkin at a time, less unused napkins will be thrown away."

When asked how this decision was made, Shanker responded that, "The discussion spurred during a trip sponsored by Sodexho and organized with the Seegers'

Union Committee of Student Council, to Lehigh University and Ursinus College to taste their food and look at the dining aesthetics."

Sodexho is the largest food and dining facilities management in North America. More than one hundred and twenty thousand people work there and it serves over six thousand corporations, including schools, colleges, health care and military sites.

"Ursinus College has the same napkin dispensers that we have now bought," Shanker clarifies. "[Upon learning about this] I encouraged Glenn Gerchman, [Director of Student Union and Campus Events] to look into the napkin dispensers as a way to increase our environmental sustainability on campus."

Student reactions vary on this new change. Melissa Dropkin '07 says that, "It seems like a good idea. It also seems cleaner since the students probably won't touch napkins and put them back."

Danielle Scala '08 also speaks favorably about this. "At first I thought, 'Don't fix what's not broken,'" she explains. "But since they're more sanitary and environmentally friendly, it seems like a good change to me."

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NEW HOUSING FROM PAGE 1

Benfer Hall to Tremont Apartments last fall due to the increase in size of the incoming freshman class, had first dibs on living in the new dorm. The students were taken on a walk through of the building, provided with boxes by Residential Services and had the help of Bova's moving crew. Bova also moved seniors out of MacGregor Village so that during Senior Week, they will not be inconvenienced when construction is slated to begin over there.

The big project that just started is the new MacGregor Village. Currently, Kullman Industries has finished building the first new building, almost completed building two, and just started building three. The buildings will hopefully be ready for next year. "These buildings will be terrific. The students will love them," Bova insisted. Eventually, Kullman will finish five buildings in total, with three floors in each

building. Four apartments will have four single bedrooms and twenty-six apartments will have three single bedrooms and one double bedroom. Each will have full kitchens and an extended living space. "When Robertson opened a few years ago, it was the place to be. I expect the same with the new MacGregor. When we took a walk through at the Kullman Industries, I was astonished about how good they looked. In two years, everyone will fight over these apartments," claimed Bova.

The most important thing for Residential Services is publicity. Once the new buildings become popular among the Student Body, they will become landmarks on campus. All of the apartments, for now, will be treated like M.I.L.E houses and go through M.I.L.E housing lottery.

Students and faculty can check out the blueprints and floor plans for 2201 Chew St. and the new MacGregor Village outside of Residential Services.

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Answer to Sudoku

Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9.

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OFF CAMPUS

Allentown man creates bomb

Jeffrey Sweeney, 51, of 647 Chew Street tried to set off a bomb on Tuesday when he was unhappy with the Allentown Housing Authority, which owns his apartment. The bomb squad of the Allentown Fire Department dismantled the bomb and Sweeney was sent to Lehigh County Prison.

Sweeney had been found with bombs in his home in 1995 and was sent to the hospital rather than being charged. On Tuesday, he was finally arrested. He claimed he wanted to show people the injustice of the Allentown Housing Authority by blowing up the building. On Tuesday night, he was charged with risking a catastrophe, arson and related offenses, terroristic threats, reckless endangerment and possession of a prohibited offensive weapon.

Capital BlueCross to offer electronic system to Lehigh

Capital BlueCross is creating a hand-held device for doctors in the Lehigh County to write prescriptions for their patients faster and with fewer mistakes. This process is called E-prescribing and it will cut money, time and errors by allowing doctors to use a Blackberry-like device instead of handwriting prescriptions on a notepad. It will also allow doctors to ensure that the patient has no allergic reactions to the medications. In addition, the order will be placed at the patient's pharmacy upon the prescription being typed.

The new hand-held device will also be able to check if there is a generic brand of the prescription and if the patient's health plan will cover it. The new device has been implemented in many doctors'

Courtesy of *The Morning Call*

What's Happening On Campus This Weekend:

Friday, March 23

3:00 pm Lehigh Valley Outdoor Track & Field Championships

7:00 pm Movie "Babel" - Great Room

10:00 pm Musician Adam Sullivan in Lobby

Saturday, March 24

1 pm Softball vs. Cortland State

1:30 pm Men's Lacrosse vs. Gettysburg

10 pm - 1 am Student Performers in Red Door

Sunday, March 25

3:00 pm Movie "Babel" in Red Door

7:00 pm Ben Folds Concert - Memorial Hall

Musicians and speakers gather to "Sing Out Against War"

By Kim O'Brien
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Over 120 students, faculty and local citizens gathered for "Sing Out Against the War," a College Democrats-sponsored peaceful protest against war in Iraq. The event, held on the four-year anniversary of U.S. invasion into Iraq, featured speakers and musical performers from both the College and across the Lehigh Valley. Speakers included students Adrian Shanker '09, Alana Torres '09 and Jon Rosenau '09. Sheila Clever, Research Manager of Biology, Dr. Peter Petit, Director and Associate Director of Religion, Reverend Peter Bredlau, College Chaplain, Reverend Beth Goudy, Cantor Ellen Sussman and Fadia Halma, Chair of the Lehigh Valley Democratic Committee also spoke.

The event was designed by Shanker, who has been planning the rally since November. Shanker rallied the crowds with his opening statements, stating "Four years of this war is four years too long," he exclaimed, citing the death of over 3,000 US Soldiers and at least 300,000 Iraqi civilians in the past four years. "As Americans, we

cannot live like this, he stated. "We tell our leaders time and again, it is not about reconstructing Iraq, or preventing an Iraqi civil war. Such may be inevitable no matter when the US forces leave. This is about admitting that our country was wrong, apologizing to the citizens of the world, mending our ties with the United Nations and ending a war where thousands have been killed."

An assembly of musical talent moved the rally along, featuring the Lehigh Pocono Committee of Concern Peace Singers (LEPOCO) and many of the College's finest. The Dynamics delivered an a cappella rendition of Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah." Singers Ryan Acquatta '09, Dan Lagstein '08 and Joe Power '08, concluded the assembly with a solemn rendition of Joni Mitchell's "Fiddle and the Drum."

Speaker Sheila Clever recalled standing in Parent's Plaza four years ago with students protesting the Bush administration's entrance into war. Clever has seen, first-hand, the effects of U.S. involvement in the Middle East, spawning back to her then-husband's 1987 military duty in Bahrain to

the present-day enlistment of her son in the military. "When we get to the point where we stop helping and start killing, we're all lost," she stated. "We need to stop the destruction and start the helping."

Students spoke up as well. Torres explained her brother's current situation as a soldier in Iraq. She is selling t-shirts labeled "Freedom Isn't Free" to raise money for care packages to send to her brother's military unit in Iraq. "People here care what the soldiers are doing--they care for the soldiers--even if we don't support the war," she stated. Rosenau, President of the College Democrats, delivered the statistics of war, commented on not just the economic losses of the war, but of the loss of soldiers. "We're sacrificing the future," he stated.

"Sing Out Against War" provided attendees the opportunity to learn more about peace efforts, as well as enjoy genuine performances by musicians united under one cause: peace--not war--Iraq. "General harmony is what I use to protest," stated Trimble. Student participants in the rally were glad for the opportunity on cam-

pus. "I really believe we should get out of the war, and I'm here to support my friends who are performing too," said student attendee Liz Schmidt '07.

Perhaps the theme of the night can be perfectly summarized by the text found on performer Ryan Acquatta's t-shirt: "Music is my weapon."



Joe Power '08, Ryan Acquatta '09 and Dan Lagstein '08 paused for a moments during their speech.

PHOTO BY KIM O'BRIEN

Campus Safety Notes

Mar. 13 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to burned food from cooking at 2206 Chew Street.

Mar. 13 - Injured Student - A student living on the third floor of Prosser Hall cut his finger with a razor, causing the finger to bleed. MCEMS responded and provided first-aid. The student refused transportation to the hospital.

Mar. 14 - Larceny/Theft - A laptop computer was stolen from a student's car parked outside Tremont Apartments on Highland Street.

Mar. 15 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to steam from the shower at 2201 Chew

Street.

Mar. 15 - Suspicious Person - An individual was using a computer on the first floor level of the Trexler Library. When questioned, the individual said that he was waiting for his wife to pick him up. When she picked him up, he was told that the Trexler Library was not open for public use.

Mar. 16 - Institutional Vandalism - Someone broke into a vending machine in Taylor Hall. The plastic covering on the vending machine was smashed out, and four candy bars were taken. The machine has since been repaired.

Mar. 16 - Suspicious Person - An alumnus who was visiting a current student was

beating on the door of 103 MacGregor Village at 5:23 a.m. for no apparent reason.

Mar. 16 - Unauthorized Person - A student lied about living in Robertson Hall and was referred to the Judicial Process.

Mar. 16 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to burned popcorn on the second floor of Robertson Hall.

Mar. 17 - Disorderly Conduct - Two students in Benfer Hall were lighting firecrackers. They were referred to the Judicial Process.

Mar. 17 - Motor Vehicle Accident - A Campus Safety truck struck a rock near MacGregor Village, putting

a dent in the front bumper of the car.

Mar. 17 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off in East Hall second floor-F. The cause is unknown, but it may be due to dust from a vacuum cleaner or from a spider in the detector.

Mar. 17 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to burnt food at 414 Albright Street.

Mar. 17 - Noise Complaint - Students in Benfer Hall 204 were reported by the Resident Advisor for drinking on the patio and playing extremely loud music. The individuals were all of age. They were identified and referred to the Judicial Process for the noise complaint.

Mar. 18 - Intoxicated Person - A student over 21 years of age living on the second floor of the Hillcrest House was intoxicated and hyperventilating. The incident was reported to Campus Safety and that individual was transported to St. Luke's Hospital.

Mar. 18 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to steam from the shower at the Delta Zeta house.

Mar. 19 - Institutional Vandalism - The bottom of the door leading to the lounge on the third floor of Prosser Hall was kicked in and wood pieces were found in the garbage can in the common room. The issue is still under investigation.

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Shades of Green benefit for Ashleigh Edwards

By Sarah Sansolo
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

The Copasetic Rhythms kicked off the weekend of St. Patrick's Day by using the holiday to raise money for a good cause. "The Many Shades of Green," as they called Friday night's fundraising event, collected money to help Ashleigh Edwards '06, Muhlenberg alum and former member of the Copasetic Rhythms, who has faced a year filled with misfortunes for her and her family.

Appearances by many of the Muhlenberg performance groups brought out a large crowd of supporters, filling the Great Room to cheer on their friends and favorite a cappella and dance groups.

The performances truly showcased The College's great supply of talent, as well as the willingness of so many people to work together to help Edwards. The Copasetic Rhythms presented a variety of tap numbers and were joined by the other College dance ensembles.

Mint* and the Soul Sound Steppers presented routines, and the Perkulators shared a few dances that they performed on a cruise ship over Spring Break.

The dance performances were mixed with short sets of songs by the Acafellas, the Girls Next Door and the Chaimonics. The Acafellas and the Girls Next Door had the audience cheering as they sang a few crowd favorites, and the Chaimonics, not seen as frequently at campus performances, quickly won everyone over.

The highlight of the night, however, was not in the a cappella and dance ensemble performances which, while always entertaining, have been seen at many campus talent showcases.

The event was infused with St. Patrick's Day spirit not only through green shirts and Irish music played between performances, but by an appearance by Rosalind Newsholme '07.

She gave the audience a taste of traditional Irish dance, performing two routines to an enthusiastic response. She was the only performer who gave an encore, repeating her hard shoe number when audience members requested it later in the show.

While the other groups gave fantastic performances, it was exciting to see something new, and Newsholme's Irish dances were just what was needed to make "The Many Shades of Green" unique.

It was wonderful to see so many performers and students come together for such a worthy cause and to make the fundraiser such a success for an alumnus both of the College and the Copasetics.



Performance groups on campus, sponsored by the Copasetic Rhythms, put together a benefit concert to raise money for former Copasetic Rhythms member, Ashleigh Edwards '06, on Friday night in the Great Room.

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The perfect date

By Lily Hatfield
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNIST

As the end of the year is drawing closer and closer, some students on this campus are going to have some very difficult decisions to make. Where will I get a job? Will I live at home? Should I move here or there? While these are all very important, they pale in comparison to the all-important end of the year question: Who am I going to take to Spring Formal/Senior Ball?

Although there may be a few options on the horizon, this columnist has been having a hard time deciding who will make the best date for the evening. The following is my list of requirements for attending a formal affair that will guarantee a magical, fun and hopefully, tearless evening.

1. All she wants to do is dance.

The point of a formal is to have fun, and for me,

there is nothing more fun than cutting a rug out on the dance floor. A date should be willing to throw caution to the wind and do whatever he or she may need to do to make sure you are happy. Sitting at the table sulking all night, smoking cigarettes every five minutes or disappearing when any kind of music comes on are behaviors that are not going to ensure fun for anyone involved. It can be hard to go to a formal where you don't know anyone, but the best thing to do is be friendly, make friends with the people at your table and just have a great time. Who knows, you might end up being the life of the party!

2. Self-control is key.

That open bar may sound tempting now, but when you have your head in the toilet and a flashlight in your face from a policeman telling you to

get up and into the squad car, you might be wishing you had not knocked back those 14 rum and cokes. If you are a guest at a formal or dance with an open or cash bar, you should know that you are your date's responsibility. You should not put him or her in a bad position where they have to call you a cab or hold your hair back while you puke.

Take it easy on the alcohol, and this includes before the formal: puking on the bus and being sent home before even entering the facility is extremely poor form, and think of your poor date, now left alone.

3. Embarrassing behavior.

Clothes should remain on during the evening. I understand, guys, that tuxes get hot, but that is not an excuse to strip down on the dance floor and show us what your momma

gave ya. Also, getting ridiculously, sloppy-drunk is not a good idea. This includes but is not limited to: repeatedly falling down on the floor, puking in the bathroom, puking anywhere, spilling drinks on yourself or other people, getting drunk and telling your boyfriend you love him for the first time and then spending the next three hours crying after he tells you he doesn't love you back, or being rude to the bartenders or waitstaff. The list could go on forever, but I feel these specific scenarios need to be highlighted.

4. Don't forget who you came with.

If you came with a date, it is expected that you leave with that date. Maybe you don't have romantic feelings for your date, but he or she still invited you to an event that is important to him or her. Don't ruin it by making out with his or

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

IF YOU COULD HAVE THE LAST NAME OF A DIFFERENT PRESIDENT WHICH WOULD IT BE?



"Lincoln, because Lisa Lincoln sounds pretty cool."
- Lisa Harrison '08



"Bush. Whenever I'd do anything people could say, 'That's bush. Bush league.'"
- Alex Kennedy '09



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- Dean Carol Shiner-Wilson, Dean of Academic Life



"I'm going with Andrew Johnson because he's got a sweet last name and LBJ didn't do it justice."
- Steve Johnson '08



"Probably Garfield, because I hear he was a real cool cat."
- Ben Jackson '07

Compiled by Kim Nguyen

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Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 10:00
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Dead Silence

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Sat. 4:50, 7:50, 10:10
Sun. 1:50, 4:50, 7:50

The Hills Have Eyes II

Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:00
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:00
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

The Last Mimzy

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
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Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Premonition (2007)

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Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Shooter

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Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

TMNT

Fri. 4:45, 7:00, 9:15
Sat. 4:45, 7:00, 9:15
Sun. 2:30, 4:45, 7:00

Wild Hogs

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 9:50
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Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

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By Jen Jarson
SOCIAL SCIENCES REFERENCE LIBRARIAN

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What kind of activities would you like to have in the library? How do you use the library? How can we make the space more comfortable? Would more computers, vending machines, televisions, headphones or couches be helpful? On Mon., April 30, drop by to talk to us, your concerned library staff, about exam periods and how we can better meet your needs. We are here to help you! Or, if you don't need our help, we're always happy to have you come on by just to say, "Hello!"

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Explosions in the Sky

By Ross Belfer
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Every so often, a band records an album that rejects the predisposed norms of musical society and creates a work, an epic masterpiece of sorts, that leaves the listener spiritually stunned, moved and perhaps morphed. Originating out of Austin, TX, Explosions in the Sky is a band that attempts to defy rock n' roll and pop music with a post-rock sound that is truly their own. Explosions in the Sky is not your average four-piece outfit.

For one, the band is all-instrumental, containing no vocals. Their songs are too long for commercial radio play (averaging over six minutes) and tend to begin in a soft and subtle murmur of sounds, leaving those who may not be disposed to experimental rock music confused and perhaps bored. Patience is, of course, a virtue in the eyes and creative minds of Explosions in the Sky.

One must stick around for a song to develop to feel the full force of their genius. Explosions in the Sky portray a sense of auditory emotion and feeling in their music. Their songs often resemble movie scores, perhaps the destruction of an evil villain, or a triumphant win on a playing field.

In fact, the band scored the entire soundtrack for the movie *Friday Night Lights*, and has continued to impress music fans and critics alike with their broad range of sounds, often resembling a full orchestra rather than a four-piece rock band.

The band's latest effort, *All of a Sudden I Miss Everyone*, is truly a musical masterpiece. The album is comprised of only five tracks, yet totals over 35 minutes of music, which is not a rarity for

these post-rock juggernauts. The album's opening track entitled "The Birth and Death of a Day," opens with a slow and heavy distorted guitar and builds up throughout the track with jangled guitars filled with digital delay effects.

The song erupts as the drummer keeps the tempo moving with a marching band feel on the snare drum. The song gradually builds to epic proportions as sonic booms fill the air in what feels and sounds like a triumphant return to the planet Earth by astronauts who have not seen the light of day for quite some time.

The album progresses with its second track "Welcome, Ghosts," which gracefully and beautifully glides the listener through a sea of melody and intense crescendos by which the band intends to be as calm and ferocious as the uncharted water.

The album's third and longest track, "It's Natural to be Afraid," is by far its most climatic piece comprised of a keyboard-sounding melody. This effect is created by guitars with walls of sound and reverb layering each bar, building up mysteriously to what sounds and feels like a revelation of some kind. The album ends respectively with tracks, "Catastrophe and the Cure" and "So Long, Lonesome," which carry out the album's theme of hope and desperation in music and life in general.

The band has a message for their audience, one that they deliver with clarity and cleverness. For those who are open-minded and bored of the generic rock music that has plagued the radio, look out for Explosions in the Sky's *All of a Sudden I Miss Everyone*, as this band is one of the best up and coming musical acts of the year.

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APO students dance the night away to benefit Relay for Life



The College Service Organization, Alpha Phi Omega, held their "Black & White" dance in the Garden Room last Friday from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., with proceeds going to Relay for Life. The event was open to all students on campus, and the dress theme was formal black and white attire. Over 100 people attended the dance and approximately \$200 was raised for Relay for Life. Friday was a musical night in Seegers Union, as many students bounced between the dance and student performances in both the Great Room and Red Door.

Gretchen Geisser '08, served as Dance Chair for the APO event. APO is a national, co-ed service fraternity focusing on community service as well as fellowship and bonding events. "Each semester, every brother has to reach a certain number of service hours to complete. Most brothers surpass those numbers though," stated Geisser. They are involved with numerous community service projects, including the after school SHARE programs, such as Casa Guadalupe, Caring Place and Community Bikeworks. They are involved with the Phoebe Home and Muhlenberg Elementary. APO members also help out with a local food pantry, food kitchen and animal shelters. They've recently added the College mentoring program, The Second Mile Project, to their vast list of community involvement.

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her roommate on the dance floor or bus, or going home with someone else and not telling your date.

Have some consideration for the person who invited you, and keep it in your pants until you get home if you are not interested.

5. Do you "owe" your date?

And I don't mean money for your chicken marsala. At the end of the evening, it can be very awkward trying to figure out where the party is headed next. No one is ever expected to perform after a formal, no matter the price per ticket.

But personally, if I invite someone

to a formal or a dance, I expect to get some at the end of the night and I know I am not the only person, male or female, who thinks this way. Dances make people horny!

All that rubbing up on each other, not to mention the copious amounts of cheap drinks you just ingested, who wouldn't be turned on?

Basically, be prepared to say, "no," be prepared to hear "no," unless you are with me, when "no" just really is not an option. Good luck finding that perfect date Muhlenberg; he or she is out there somewhere! And as always remember to stay sexy, stay safe Muhlenberg!

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Tennis enters a new season: Men sweep Penn State Berks

By Victoria Davis
SPORTS EDITOR

Muhlenberg Women's Tennis has lost an All-American to graduation, but still looks ahead toward a promising season. With only one senior, Captain Pam Kimmelman, the team will look toward its newer members. The Mules opened up their spring season on Sat., March 17, against Johns Hopkins. In a game that was played indoors, the Mules fought hard but were unable to kick off the season with a Centennial Conference victory, losing by a score of 8-1. Sophomore Carly Rotfeld provided the Mules with their one point with an 8-5 win at No. 3 singles. Sophomore Jenn Powell found her victory just out of reach when she forced a tiebreaker after overcoming a 3-0 deficit, but could not finish.

Men's Tennis has also felt a loss after their No. 1 and No. 2 singles players, who also paired up for No. 1 doubles, graduated last year. But with nine returnees and five first-year players, they are confident and ready to get underway after an injury-plagued previous season. On Wed., March 14 the Mules took on Moravian in a first match that began outdoors but was moved inside. Unfortunately, like the Women's Team, they were unable to get that first win, losing 5-4. At No. 2 doubles, the Greyhounds won in a tiebreaker. Junior Doug Wayne was the only Mule to win a singles match that went the full two sets.

On Sun., March 18, the Men's Team shook off their loss and came back with a historical victory against Penn State Berks. Muhlenberg swept all nine matches in decisive fashion. Freshman Robbie Goldwein won his No. 1 singles match 8-0, and senior Michael DiVita won 8-2 at both No. 3 doubles and No. 6 singles.

Both the Men's and Women's Tennis Teams may have started out on the wrong foot, but they remain confident that as the season progresses, wins will come their way. With promising newcomers and experienced returnees, it is sure to be an exciting spring season.



Left: Freshman Robbie Goldwein won at No. 1 singles 8-0 against Penn State Berks.



Right: Sophomore Carly Rotfeld beat her Johns Hopkins opponent 8-5.

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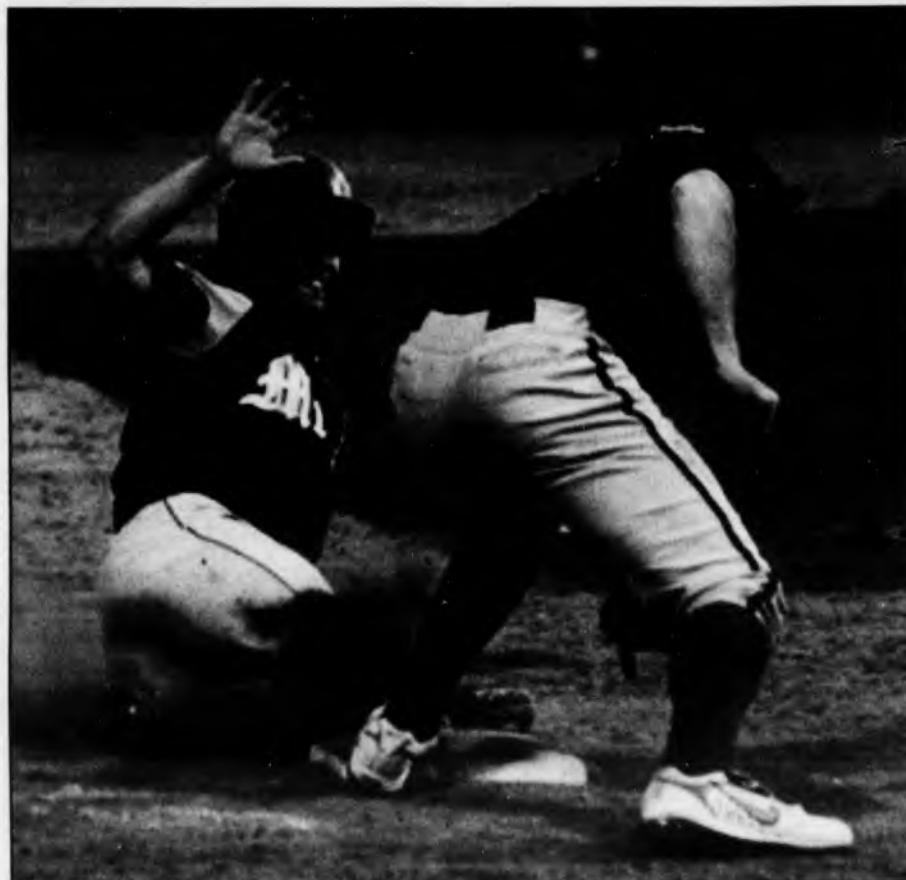
Baseball off to slow start

By Frank Citera
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The Muhlenberg Baseball Team has had a tough start to its 2007 campaign by starting the season 3-7. Muhlenberg opened its season at Disney's Wide World of Sports where the team went 3-6 during a grueling five-day stretch. It then lost its home opener to Misericordia College 5-1 on Wed., March 14. Due to the horrible weather, the games that were supposed to be held last weekend and this week have been cancelled.

It wasn't all bad for the Mules, though. A couple of freshmen have stepped up big in the early going, including starting pitcher Phil Cresta, who has started his Muhlenberg career by going 2-0 with a sparkling 1.46 ERA while allowing only four hits and striking out 10 in 12 1/3 innings pitched. Freshman shortstop Eric Pomroy has also been playing great for the Mules by posting an even .400 batting average with nine RBIs and stealing four bases while posting a .932 fielding percentage. Sophomore John Kalis is leading the Mules in almost every offensive category including runs, hits, RBIs, batting average, stolen bases and slugging percentage with 7, 10, 13, .435, 6 and .696 respectively. Another interesting stat is how many bases the Mules have stolen this season. They have already swiped 26 bags, which is halfway to last years total of 52, and they are less than 1/3 of the way through the season.

Senior first baseman Mike Hart reached a career milestone by recording his 100th hit while in Florida, becoming the 30th Mule to reach the century mark. Junior starting pitcher Paul Faith pitched great in his first two starts going 1-1. In his first game pitched in Florida, he went five shutout innings allowing only four hits. Senior pitcher Eric Wolfer has proven to be reliable in the clutch, posting a 0.00 ERA and five strikeouts in a team leading four appearances out of the bullpen. Muhlenberg's top hitter last season, Senior 3B/DH Pete Oris suffered a pulled hamstring the third day in Arizona, which may have put a strain on the Mules' lineup. They have only averaged slightly under four runs-per-game without him in the lineup, down from their seven runs-per-game with him in the lineup. Luckily, he should be back within the week.



Sophomore John Kalis steals third in the Mules' opening game of the 2007 spring season.

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- Students living more than 300 miles from campus
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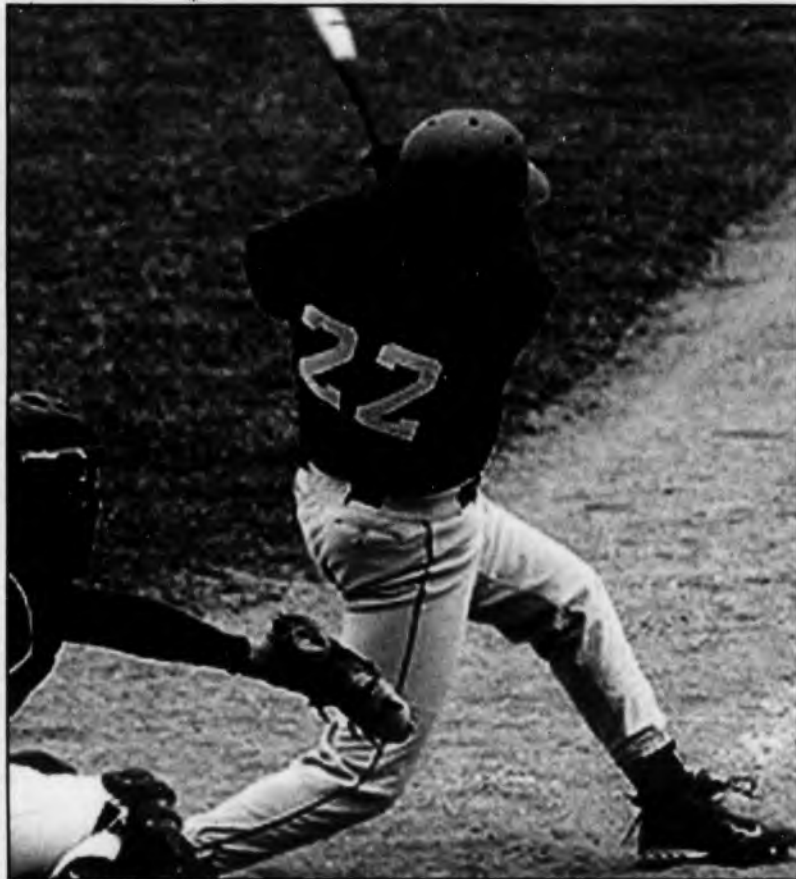
Mule Profile: Pete Oris

"Continuous hard work pays off"

By Frank Citera
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Senior 3B/DH Pete Oris has been a staple in the Muhlenberg lineup since his freshman year. His stats speak for themselves. Oris has 90 career RBIs and is only 23 away from breaking Muhlenberg's all time record, a feat that should be well within his grasp this year. He is in the top 10 all-time in home runs with 11, extra base hits with 40 and total bases with 189. He also ranks among the top 15 all-time in runs scored with 82 and hits with 121. Keep in mind that these are his numbers through three years; he still has his senior year to play. Last year, Oris broke the single RBI record with 41. He also batted .429 on the year, with 48 hits, 16 of them for extra bases and five for home runs. He also had a .696 slugging percentage to go along with a .512 on-base percentage, both amazing statistics. Most power hitters strike out often, yet Oris only struck out a mere 13 times in 112 at-bats. His play earned him All Centennial Conference Second Team Honors.

Oris is not, however, all about baseball. Oris is from Pound Ridge, NY and attended Fox Lane High School. He is a Finance Major and a Business Minor here at the College. Oris earned an internship through the school last summer and when asked about his plans after college, Oris replied, "Firstly, to secure a job as a financial planner. Then I hope to find a summer team so that I can get a few more at-bats before the corporate world." When asked about what his goals are for the team in 2007, Oris said, "I want the team to prove to everyone that our continuous hard work pays off. We, as a team, have spent these past months training very hard and all have a strong desire to get to and win the Conference playoffs. I'm just trying to contribute all that I have to making that dream a reality." When asked about his personal goals for the 2007 season, Oris replied, "I want to be a strong offensive force in the middle of a dangerous line-up. I'm not going to lie, I love hitting the long ball but I'm still a hitter who wants to improve and grow as a ballplayer." This year, the Mules have a new coach. For most players, especially seniors, making a transition from what they have been accustomed to for three years to something different can be difficult. When asked about his new coach, Oris said, "I feel coach Goff has had a very positive influence on this program. He is taking us in a direction many of us haven't seen in years. We are all in amazing shape for the season and are confident that we will outlast any team in a nine-inning game. We as a team have made promises to each other to work as hard as we possibly can and Coach Goff has taken us to a whole new level."



Pete Oris has been an offensive force for Muhlenberg Baseball the past three years and looks to provide the same impact his senior year.

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R.I.P Cinderella, March Madness Will Miss You...

By Zack Gugenheim
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The question everyone was asking while filling out their NCAA brackets was, "Who will be this year's 'George Mason?'" The George Mason Patriots, an 11-seed in last year's Tourney, was the biggest Cinderella in NCAA history. The Patriots were only the second 11-seed to ever advance to the Final Four, and they did it at a mid-major status. They were defeated by eventual champion Florida. Many believed that another team would carry the torch for the Patriots, as so many had in the past, and there were clearly moments where it looked like there would be a major upset.

No. 9 Xavier vs. No. 1 Ohio State:

With Ohio State down by nine, the Buckeyes went on a 12-3 run in the final three minutes, including a clutch three-pointer by Senior Ron Lewis to force OT. Ohio State dominated the overtime period as they managed to avoid what would have been the biggest upset in the Tournament.

No. 11 Virginia Commonwealth vs. No. 3 Pittsburgh:

VCU mounted a furious comeback with B.A. Walker scoring 20 points and excellent guard play by Eric Maynor, only to fall in OT by five points.

It has been one of those tournaments where upsets have been scarce. All four number-one seeds still remain, three of four two-seeds (Wisconsin was victimized by a terribly under-seeded UNLV team, as well as a key injury with Brian Butch being out), and three three-seeds. There was no traditional 12-seed over 5-seed upset, and the only two upsets were 11-6 upsets, with both of those teams being unseated in the second round (Winthrop and VCU). The two lowest seeds of the tournament in the Sweet 16 are No. 7 UNLV and No. 6 Vanderbilt. There is even a perfect No. 1, 2, 3, 4 region in the West as Kansas, UCLA, Pitt and Southern Illinois all avoided the upsets. What does this mean for the Tournament? It means we have some amazing premier match-ups coming up, with Memphis vs. Texas A&M, UCLA vs. Pitt, and thinking to the future, we could have match-ups such as Kansas vs. UCLA, UNC vs. Georgetown; we could even have a match-up of Florida vs. Ohio State in the National Championship game, just like in football. The one thing we won't have, however, is a team to wear the glass slipper. Cinderella passed away on March 18, 2007. Hopefully, she can make a reappearance in 2008.

Softball finds Spring Break success

By Brandon Mefford
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The Women's Softball Team is off to a strong 2007 season.

After going 17-21 overall and 8-8 in the Centennial Conference last year, they only lost two seniors and look to improve on last year's record. Their usual Spring Break tournament took place down in sunny Florida where they played top notch teams, including the number one team in the nation, Muskingum, who beat the Mules 4-3. The number three team in the nation, Washington (Mo.), also beat Muhlenberg by a score of 3-0. The Mules rounded up the break with a record of 3-7.

Many players contributed to the success down in Florida. Sophomore RiRi Ferrigno had an outstanding start with six doubles, seven RBI, and a .355 batting average, which is good for 5th in the Centennial Conference. Senior Tina Roth also did some hitting of her own, providing six RBIs, including a Grand Slam. It was the first time since 1996 that a Mule has hit a grand slam. The Mules are doing a great job at the plate. Sophomore Michelle Costangelio, Senior Hilary Marinchak, Sophomore Sam Crist and Roth are ranked 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th in the C.C. in batting averages respectively.

Pitching was solid as well. Senior Nicole Washburn is second in the C.C. with 1.70 ERA with 21 strikeouts. Sophomore Lara Kestenbaum is third in the C.C. with an ERA of 2.78 and 12 strikeouts.

When asked how playing this tough competition will translate Conference games, Roth stated, "It gives us the confidence we need to know that if we work hard in practice and in games, we can compete with anyone, even the number one team in the nation." The Mules are looking to start the season off right, they just don't know when. The snow has been a factor and it is uncertain when the girls will take the field.



Sophomore RiRi Ferrigno's offensive contributions proved vital in the Mules' successful Spring Break.

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Men's Lacrosse off to a solid start

By Victoria Davis
SPORTS EDITOR

Men's Lacrosse began their spring season on Sun., March 4 at Greensboro, and they opened up with a win. With seven fourth-quarter goals, the Mules were able

to knock off Greensboro College to take a decisive 15-8 win. Senior Sean Toohill, junior Kyle Farris and sophomore Andrew Lolley led the team offensively with three goals apiece. Farris also contributed two assists in the winning effort, and freshman Paul Munday scored his first career goal. While the Mules came out a bit sluggish, scoring their first goal with 4:14 left in the first quarter, they picked up the pace and found a way to win.

Next up was Randolph-Macon on Wed., March 7. In their second Spring Break game, the Mules won in nail-biting fashion. The game was tight at the end, and eventually went into overtime where the Mules have been extremely successful in past years. They had help from a Randolph-Macon penalty, and the extra-man advantage proved pivotal in the win as Toohill scored the winning goal just as the penalty expired. Several Muhlenberg players provided scores, and the stifling offense proved too much to handle when it joined forces with a strong defensive game. On the defensive end, sophomore John DeLuca led with five ground balls, while junior Tim Martin won eight of the Mules' 12 faceoff wins.

On Wed., March 12, Muhlenberg continued its winning ways against a previously undefeated Kings Point. In another exciting victory, the Mules came from behind after digging themselves into a penalty-ridden hole early on. Guilty of six penalties in the first 15 minutes, Kings Point capitalized and scored four goals. However, the Mules' defense in the second half only allowed 1 goal, and freshman Andrew Bell had a strong game with 11 saves. Offensively, Toohill reached a personal milestone as he moved into third place on the program's all-time scoring list with 87 career points, four of those points coming in the game against Kings Point.

The Mules suffered their first loss against Washington on Sun., March 18. They were outscored 8-1 in the first and fourth quarters, and were never able to come back. They came within three goals, but could not sustain the pressure. Toohill scored two goals and junior Mickey Norton added two assists. Sophomore Dan Dugan won six of ten faceoffs and picked up five ground balls.

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Loesch takes sixth at Nationals

By Heather Fox
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The Division III Wrestling Nationals were held March 2 and 3. The College was fortunate to send four representatives to compete.

Sophomores Billy Hall (131lbs.) and Rob Kein (141lbs.) joined junior Joe Tartar (heavyweight) and senior Matt Loesch (197 lbs.) at the competition. But Nationals proved to be a tough battle, allowing only one of the College's competitors to reach the rank of All-American: Loesch.

The boys faced several challenges. Hall, Kein and Tartar went 0-2. All three, fortunately, still have another year or two to improve and head to Nationals again in the future. Loesch expressed the disappointment "when you set your sights on nothing but a National Championship."

Loesch's first match was won in sudden victory 5-3 against Johnson & Wales. His second bout ended in a decision loss to a Buena Vista wrestler. Loesch finished his college wrestling career placing sixth in this National tournament for the second year in a row. With an overall record on 90-16, he has reached the second highest win percentage in the program's history.

"I am so thankful for the teammates I have had, and also thank you so much to everyone who supported us over the years. It has been a blast," said Loesch.



Matt Loesch earned the second-highest win percentage in Muhlenberg Wrestling history with an impressive 90-16 record.

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Women's Lacrosse wins six

By Victoria Davis
SPORTS EDITOR

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Lacrosse has

started their season with a bang. They have already broken the school record for most consecutive wins with six, and look to continue their streak against Dickinson on Wed., March 21.

The Mules opened their Spring Season against King's on Thurs., March 1 with a solid victory. The Lady Monarchs kept the game close throughout, but the Mules were able to hold on and finish with a 12-10 win. Sophomore Ruth Morrongiello scored five goals and caused four turnovers. Freshman goalie Rachel Danziger made her impressive Muhlenberg debut, holding her ground and locking in the win. Fellow freshmen Tara Cohn and Alyssa Bascelli also debuted with strong outings, each recording their first career goals.

The Mules then headed to Hilton Head, SC for their Spring Break trip. While the location changed, the results did not. In their second game of the season against Bridgewater on Mon., March 5, the Mules picked up their second win in a row. Senior Katie Reimann contributed two goals and an assist, while Morrongiello and freshman Danielle Scarrone each recorded hat tricks in their decisive 14-5 victory.

In their final Spring Break game in Hilton Head on Wed., March 7, Muhlenberg took on Methodist and found a way to win yet again with a final score of 13-6. Morrongiello scored five goals and had one assist, while Bascelli and sophomore Sara Hiller had three scores each.

Next on the schedule was Moravian, but they too proved to be no match for the Mules. On Tues., March 13, Muhlenberg won in devastating fashion, pounding the Greyhounds on their way to a 16-7 victory. The Mules came out to a 9-0 lead quickly, and never looked back. Junior Taylor Armstrong contributed three goals and three assists, and sophomore Kimberly Seedor scored her first career goal.

Finally, on Thurs., March 15, Women's Lacrosse secured their sixth consecutive victory against Widener, 13-5. Morrongiello again scored three goals, a feat she has accomplished in every single game so far. Senior Kelli Sakonchick also had a strong game as she picked up five ground balls and caused two turnovers.

While the Mules certainly found plenty of offense, there defense is not to be overlooked. With solid play, Muhlenberg's defensive efforts continue to improve and hopefully, will help the Mules on their way to a record-breaking season.



Senior Captain Katie Reimann had a big game against Bridgewater, helping the Mules on their way to their second consecutive victory.

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Hookah scandal involving faculty members causes controversy at the College

By Let's Get High
WEEKLY STONER

In November of last year, Sarah Efronson '07 and Blaine McFeeley '08 worked hard to have the College-sponsored ban on hookahs lifted, and they succeeded. Upon hearing about the ban on hookahs, President Helm said, "While my own hookah-smoking days are long since over, I recognize that smoking a bowlful of legal tobacco with friends from a hookah can be a convivial (if unhealthy) form of socializing. So, I'm glad that the Dean of Students' staff is reconsidering the ban, which I hadn't known about in the first place." After hearing what President Helm had to say about the ban, Karen Green, Dean of Students and Vice President of Student Affairs, and Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety and Security, realized that they agreed and did not want to stop students from socializing and engaging in intellectual conversation by taking away their hookahs.

According to Ryan Campbell '08, Student Body President, "The difference in the Student Body since the return of hookahs to campus is uncanny. While it may be an unhealthy habit, it sure does make for nice, drama free, relaxing evening with friends, sitting around a hookah and enjoying a nice cold beer. I think President Helm would

agree with me in saying that it's a great way to unwind after a nice and long weekend with the Board of Trustees."

Although crime rates across campus were on their way down, Dean Green decided that she could not bear to allow the unhealthy habit to spread any further on the College's campus and has decided to "re-implement the College's ban on hookahs."

Green realized that hookahs were being used by people who hold some of the most powerful positions on campus as a way to unwind and was sad to see this group of people jeopardize their health in order to relax for a delicate few minutes each day. She has, instead, imposed a mandatory two hour lunch break for all members of the community holding "high power" positions.

Unfortunately, Jane Schubert, Assistant to the Dean of Students, never got the memo. Too busy to go out and purchase her own hookah, Schubert had been spending countless hours in the Evidence Closet in Campus Safety with confiscated hookahs in order to smoke up and de-stress. Schubert was found in the Evidence Closet earlier this week when the fire alarm in Campus Safety began to go off. She was promptly arrested for pos-



Jane Schubert, Judicial Officer, gets caught smoking hookah by Karen Green, Dean of Students.

PHOTO BY DEAN GREEN

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Hooker-Haring admits too many students

By What goes around...
WEEKLY DON'T HATE THE
PLAYER, HATE THE GAME

The College has just released the early numbers for admissions for the incoming class of 2011. Last year, an unexpected 617 students were admitted, which created quite the housing catastrophe. Students were kicked out of their rooms and thrown out on the streets. Some were lucky enough to get a place in Tremont Apartments. Other students had to share rooms with complete strangers. Resident Advisors said there had never been so many roommate issues. One

female student attacked her roommate with a high-lighter. Not just the normal yellow kind, but orange, blue and even green. Another male student even went so far as to kill his roommates' hermit crab because according to him, "It gave me evil looks when I woke up in the morning. It seemed drunk all the time and really needed a sponsor. It had to go."

This year, Chris Hooker-Haring, Dean of Admissions, has accepted a whopping 900 students; that's not even the most shocking thing. For the past one hundred years at this College, the male to female

ratio has always been in favor of the men (males have more to chose from). Out of a total 2,125 students, 40% are men, 58% are women and 2% are of unknown gender. Out of the 900 new admitted students, 40% are women and 60% are men. Hooker-Haring said, "We have been receiving complaints about the lack of testosterone, so we decided to take that into consideration when looking through applications."

The Admissions Board consists of members of the sororities on campus, Student Council and members of the Facebook group, "The Really, Really, Really,

ridiculously good-looking club." This Whyimhot '09, a member of the sorority, SoFetch, and the Facebook group, said, "All us who are involved in this very hard

decision making process try not to just base acceptance on looks alone. We also look

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DISCLAIMER

Welcome to the annual April Fool's issue of The Muhlenberg Weekly. All of the stories are FAKE, so do not believe anything you read. However, peruse over the REAL advertisements on pages 4, 6, 7, 12 and 15.

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This year we kill *The Weekly*, too

For those of you who don't know, *The Weekly* began way back yonder in 1883, way before computers or typewriters were even being conceived in the minds of technical geniuses. It's sad that after nearly 124 years of spreading campus news, student opinions and reviews, *The Weekly* will be shutting down its presses.

To avoid readers of the paper, this may not come as a big surprise. Issue after issue, we have tried to fight against student apathy and encourage the College campus to speak out and take action. We aren't asking for protests or demonstrations, merely requesting that you take a vested interest in your surroundings, in your fellow students and in the events that many try so hard to coordinate.

The staff of *The Weekly* got together last week and looked at the numerous piles of extra papers lying behind the Seegers Union front desk. Usually, we just load Grestley's van with the unread paps and toss them in the recycling bin behind ML, but for some reason, this week was different. Perhaps we were fed up with the lack of appreciation, sponsorship and recognition *The Weekly* and its staff fails to receive. Maybe we were feeling the strain of working for 11 hours straight with a quick break for some grub, then back to marking up edit sheets and tweaking layout to make sure every ad and article fits perfectly. Possibly, we were angry with all of the above, merely topped off with a dash of "we don't get paid and other College newspaper staffs are" that made us throw in our towels and engrave R.I.P. on *The Weekly* office door. But the truth of it is, we are just tired.

So, put this last issue in air-tight glass, cast its cover page in gold or come up to its staff for signatures, because this edition will sadly be *The Weekly's* last. Earlier on, actions could have been taken to prevent its closing, but at this point, it's too far gone. Week after week we have tried to elicit and foster student interest, but to no avail. Perhaps, a new executive team will step up and courageously try to pick up where *The Weekly* and its staff left off. But who are we kidding, this is Muhlenberg, a no-man's land that sponsors apathy.

On that note, we're out of things to say.

Man, I love my Uggs!

By I come from a land down under
WEEKLY SENIOR MAN UGGS EXPERT

Do you like to wear clothes that are comfortable? Are you a man? Are you comfortable with yourself and

your sexuality? Don't you think you should be comfortable in your shoes too? So why does everyone hate on Man Uggs. So they might be extremely feminine, so they might be lines with sheepskin, but do they keep your feet warm in the winter? Are they soft and comfy? Hells yea! Why shouldn't men feel the same comfort as women? Sheepskin boots were extremely popular with aviators during World War I and World War II. Nowadays, men are criticized for wearing Uggs. Why in today's society is it okay for a woman to dress as a male, but not the other way around. When a woman dresses as a man, she is a tomboy; when a man dresses as a woman, he is a cross-dresser. But I am getting off topic...

Many celebrities have been seen wearing Man Uggs. Why is it not okay to wear Man Uggs, even when the celebrities wear them? Matthew McConaughey, Tom Cruise, Brad Pitt and John Jannuzzi have all been seen wearing their Uggs in the public eye. One male student said, "Once I was at a party, and someone said, 'Nice Uggs!' and I said thanks, but then I realized he was talking to the girl sitting on the stairs. Everyone got quiet; I was extremely embarrassed, and I left the party. I haven't worn my Man Uggs since." This student should not be embarrassed to wear his Man Uggs in public, but instead, stay proud to be a loyal Man Uggs wearer. Male students, who are comfortable with wearing their Man Uggs, should protest the negative treatment.

Everyone knows Man Uggs are amazing, however, certain people still try and hold the fashion style back by making fun of the people who actually wear the shoes. Men should start wearing their Uggs as much as, if not more than our female counterparts. Men should wear their Uggs as a symbol of their confidence in their sexuality. We should wear our Uggs not only in the snow, but in the rain; not just in the winter, but in the summer too; not just tucked underneath our jeans, but worn with shorts, and worn with pride.

If someone asks you if you wear Man Uggs, don't just say yes because they are comfortable, but say yes with confidence and announce to the world that you are a proud man, and a proud Ugg wearer. President Helm said, "We want everyone to feel comfortable here at Muhlenberg, them and their Man Uggs." If Randy wants you to wear Man Uggs, you know you should wear your Man Uggs. If you don't own Man Uggs, Randy says, "Go get a pair, and if you don't have the means, I'll lend you mine!"

Country music is just as hip as man-Uggs

By Keepin' it Urban
WEEKLY SPACE COWBOY

So one day I was driving down the highway tuning for the right station, when I realized that the rap song, "This Is Why I'm Hot," by

Mims doesn't really make much sense. That's when I switched stations, accidentally to country, and realized how wrong I was. Country music takes not making sense to a whole other level. Even the sentence following this one will pale in comparison to the average country music experience. It's basically like listening to President W. Bush give a speech on why his wife broke up with him to ride the horse next door who owned a sexy tractor, while the sound of a cat being molested at a train station is played constantly in the background. I don't have any problem with people who can stand this form of torture, in fact, they should all be given some sort of award for being able to do so like John McCain. The "This Is Why I'm Hot" lyrics suddenly seemed clearer than which fraternity perennially ruffles freshmen girls.

Why is country music so torturous? I find that it is a very obvious yet destined to never be solved problem, much like, why do we have a giant red statue sitting on the best field on campus? For appetizers, country is all the same tone/tune and half the songs involve whining about how the singer's life sucks so much that they would like to sing a song about it. Even emo and heavy metal don't just focus on how much they suck; they at least share the wealth and focus on how much others suck too, which makes them a little less depressing. Rappers are usually happy even if their lives do suck, and if you don't like their music they'll roll out 20 deep to lay a whooping down on someone.

Country singers pretend they are cowboys like a wolf pretends to be a bed-ridden grandmother. Luckily, rappers have not yet accepted the coun-

try music singer's guild request to pretend to be firemen for a village people tribute. What do these guys ride to the recording studio: A. a horse, B. a tractor, C. a pick up truck or D. a chaperoned Cadillac Escalade? Country music singers are almost never actually cowboys. I'm actually pretty convinced that you couldn't find one who actually has herded cattle or walked 10 paces then turned and fired at anything other than a small animal. Unless you work on a rodeo with clowns and monster trucks or are an actual half cow half boy mutation, you shouldn't call yourself a cowboy. In addition, if they are indeed not cowboys, they don't have to proceed to dress like cowboys/girls.

The main reason why country music takes the leap from just bad to unbearable are its patented lyrics. Gone like a freight train? That's just ridiculous. You are telling me that you couldn't think of anything faster than a freight train? What about gone faster than a Dick Cheney hunting partner? Or gone like the respectability for country music lyrics? How about thinking your tractor is sexy? Tractors are so not sexy that even other tractors keep their distance. This is why there are dendrophiliacs in this world. Tractor or tree....hmm. That's why you never see any baby man-tractors moseying along trying to get DNA tests to see which tractor is their real father. I'm just glad Justin Timberlake brought sexy back before it eloped with a John Deer. "reed tnuh og" yas that gnos hcae ni segassem lanimilbus era erehT. There seems to also always be talk about Walmart in country lyrics. Rappers go to Walmart too; they just don't make songs about it. I'd take lyrics that sponsor hookers, Hennessy, handguns, hookahs and happiness over lyrics about horses, hats, hee-yaas and heartbreaks any day. By the way, the rap song told me that "it was hot because it was fly and country isn't so its not." Makes sense to Mims and I.

Always AIM to use proper spelling and punctuation

By Speak & Spell
WEEKLY GRAMMAR QUEEN

Don't you hate when you're chatting with someone on AIM when suddenly, you don't know what they mean because they never learned the functions of the comma in fourth grade? Or all the abbreviations blend together, and you start trying to make sense of this: idkwtfloflroflmaobrbggmwahxo. By far (comma), the worst is the spelling. Why spell "school" "skewl". If we were to break it down, "skewl" is only one less letter than "school", yet, there are two "o"s, which is very simple to type, just a quick, "oo" and you don't even have to move your finger away. Also, it is easier to type "sc" than "sk", as the "sc" can be typed with one hand. And one last thing, after the "oo", the "l" is right below it, whereas the "w" and "l" are on the complete opposite sides of the keyboard. Reasons why you should never write "kewl" to write "cool" are similar. It is just stupid. It's not cool to write "kewl". The vowel "oo" does not even need to be replaced, it's not that weird. And it is not like you're replacing two letters with one. As I said before, might as well type two of the same letters ("oo") than two different ones ("ew"). I can maybe understand with "nite" replaces "night", because "nite" sounds like how we pronounce "night". Fine. But, why must you never write "night" on AIM? There are people actually against it. And, also, AIM is not as convenient as you think. If one of your friends from class asks you to tell them what was on the page long assignment sheet that they forgot to pick up, you'd be absolutely crazy to type the whole thing. Maybe you'd scan it if that's what you like. But, I'd never type the whole thing out. I would say, "what's your extension (or maybe I'd say "exten?", or even "x?" if my fingers hurt?)" And then proceed to give them just the synopsis if the teacher wrote something out, and give them the damn assignment over the phone, which is the easiest way, considering the average person probably uses at least two or three different phones on a daily basis. I think we should stop being lazy and taking advantage of the informalities of AIM and become a generation that lives and breathes correct grammar!

In conclusion, I sponsor using proper grammar on AIM.

By punctu-what?
WEEKLY LOLZ

i dont use comets or questoin marx my frends who i talk to udnerstand wat i say oth-erwise they prolly wudnt like talking 2 me im not getting graded on my ims its not a calss and ya i wud prob fail if it wuz a class lol but i relly think that bc we rite so many papes for skewl that obv have 2 be perf in gramer n speling we shud b able to rite how we wanna rite wen we rent in skewl u no idk bout u but i dont wanna change nething bout my riteing im riteing this dum artical n its dum i dunno wat im gonna do 4 din but u culd cum wit us if u wanna jk dawg lol u no wut i luv is when peeps use things like <3 cause were still in like midle skool n stuf evryl stil uses dum computer codes lik me n it drives mi craaaazy cuz i used them first its just lik putin up away mesege that sai wer u r thruout the day no l caressssssss!

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i say otherwise they polly wudnt like talk- ing 2 me im getting graded on my ims its not a class ya i wud prob fail if it wuz a class lol

Sandella's is nothing more than GQ trash

By Cheesesteak James
WEEKLY LUNCH LADY

Sandella's is the latest sensation to sweep the dining facilities at the College. Advertising itself as the healthy dining option on campus,

Sandella's slogan lets us know that we can "eat right, right away!" Using healthy wheat flatbread, Sandella's offers students a variety of pizzas, paninis and quesadillas. What students don't know is that Sandella's is really just GQ trash put into a machine that shapes it into pizzas, paninis and quesadillas.

Some readers may be saying to themselves, "That's simply not true! I've been to Sandella's and they make the food right there while you wait!" Others may be asking, "What on earth is a panini?"

I'm here to tell you that you shouldn't be fooled by the daily illusion that the College tries to create in The Red Door through supposedly healthy, fresh food.

Every Wednesday afternoon, I meet my roommate at the GQ for lunch. Though I had been hungry before walking to Seegers, the grill and sandwich line turned off my hunger as usual. (You know what I'm talking about. We've all been there.) I opted instead to sit with him while he ate a humus wrap.

My roommate took a bite into the second half of his wrap, thought twice and threw it away along with his Greenware cup and orange rind.

Walking past Sandella's after our GQ rendezvous, I noticed a line out into the hallway outside of The Red Door. It was lunchtime, so I couldn't imagine what amazing spectacle would be attracting so many people to that part of Seegers. Usually, the only people in The Red Door at lunchtime are tutors and the occasional freshman skipping class to play Pacman.

It was neither tutor nor video game though. Because it was 11:30, Sandella's was opening for business, and students like myself, frustrated with pizza as the healthy vegetarian option in GQ, were looking for yet another choice for lunch to be found in The Red Door.

Standing in line to order a cheese quesadilla, I took note of the setup of the College's newest dining facility. One person operated the cash register and handed the order to another person who put the concoction together. After the meal had been assembled, that person passed it to another to put it through the rotating grill. "That seems like an efficient setup," I thought.

I paid for my plain cheese quesadilla, which had to be charged as the most expensive meal since it was custom made, and waited off to the side as it was being prepared.

That's when I saw it. Patiently waiting for my lunch, I caught a glimpse out of the corner

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College bans popcorn on campus...better late than never

By Orville Redenbacher
WEEKLY FIRE ALARM SETTER-
OFFER

It has been nearly two weeks since microwavable popcorn was completely banned from all dorm rooms on campus, and already life at the College has improved dramatically. The popcorn ban, sponsored by Campus Safety and President Helm, has been quickly recognized and praised by a number of area colleges initiating a trend of similar popcorn crackdowns at Cedar Crest, Lehigh and DeSales.

Since the popcorn ban, popularly dubbed "Stop the Pop," was enacted, Campus Safety has not had to respond to any smoke alarms in South or Robertson Halls, previously prominent hotspots for overpopping. The reduction in smoke alarms has allowed Campus Safety to maintain efficiency in protecting the campus from more dire threats such as the influx of Greek letter thefts, nude trespassers and tree squawkers near Martin Luther Hall.

In conjunction with "Stop the Pop," from now until April 8, students will be able to surrender any unused packages of microwavable popcorn at the Campus Safety desk in Seegers. I encourage all students to do so.

As an individual active in many extracurricular activities and organizations around campus, I personally feel infinitely safer walking across campus since the popcorn ban. Just knowing that Campus Safety has more time to devote to idling in the SUV patrol vehicles while on duty instead of responding to burnt popcorn is of great comfort to any student involved in campus life.

In addition to the pleasures of more campus security, students across campus appear happier without having to leave the late night comforts of their dorm rooms in what is sometimes frigidly cold weather. Teachers

also report that students are much more alert and responsive in class, an indication that they have been receiving significantly more uninterrupted sleep without waking up to the blare of alarms at 3 a.m.

There are rumors spreading that Campus Safety will be partnering with Outside The Classroom, Inc., developers of AlcoholEdu, to introduce PopcornEdu to the Fitness and Wellness curriculum. While many criticize AlcoholEdu, the computer program mandatory to all college freshmen, for

its inability to create lasting responsible decisions with alcohol, PopcornEdu has generated successful results at institutions like Stanford and Penn State where popping violations have been reported in the single digits.

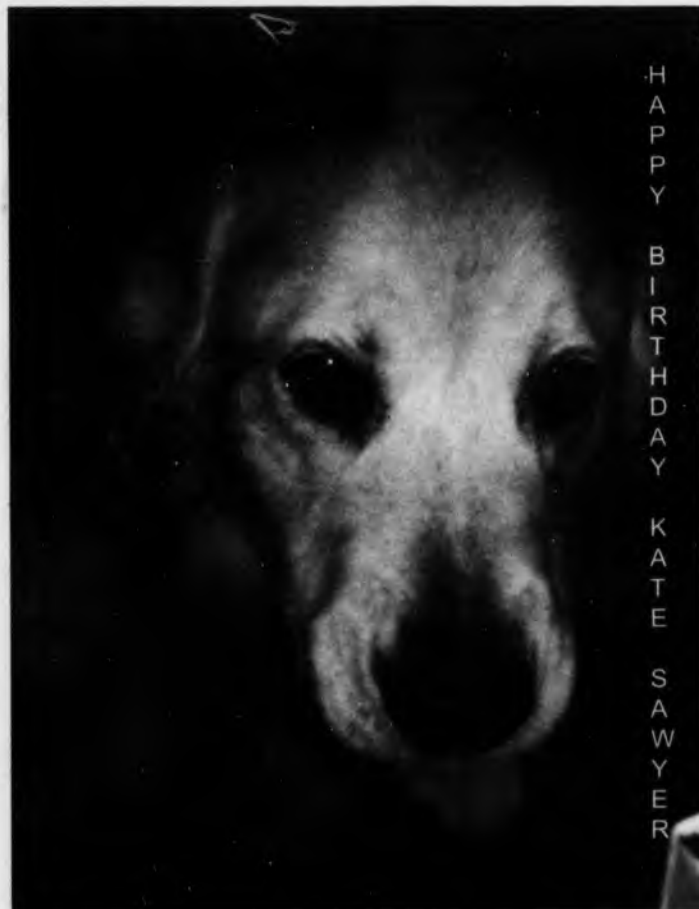
I, for one, would like to applaud Campus Safety and President Helm for doing the right thing in initiating this prohibition. Popcorn popping represents a very serious fire hazard, safety concern and a general annoyance that has been ignored by the College for far too long.

Because the instructions for safely popping popcorn that are printed on the backs of popcorn packages are incredibly misleading, even the brightest of college students can be found irresponsibly popping popcorn. Often, these instructions are far too small to see or so commonplace that they are simply ignored.

Whereas the legal limit for popping popcorn in the State of Pennsylvania is one minute and 30 seconds, some students on campus have been found to be popping at over three times the legal limit at four and a half minutes.

We cannot allow such irresponsibility to tarnish the generally positive reputation of the College's student body any longer. As a concerned member of the College community, I call on all students across campus to support the "Stop the Pop" campaign and stop popping popcorn for the sake of your fellow students.

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of my eye of the grill operator removing food from a metallic chute that much resembled a ventilation system. "That's odd," I thought. Coming out of the chute were entire pizzas, paninis and my quesadilla. The quesadilla was delicious, but the situation was strange enough that I felt the need to investigate.

Behind the loading dock in the back of Seegers, I quickly stumbled upon my answer. There I found Sodexo employees busily sorting food wastes into a pile marked for reuse and another to go to the dumpster. I contacted John Pasquerello, former General Manager of Dining Services, to find out what this was all about. His response was shocking. I found out that the reused food came from the GQ in an effort to reduce the costs of trucking in fresh foods.

This was also the reason that Sodexo recently began sponsoring Greenware plastic cups made from biodegradable corn-based products. The

Greenware, when melted down, provided the corn necessary to make the flatbread in Sandella's signature foods.

Employees mixed Greenware and food waste from the GQ into a machine behind the Seegers loading dock and placed it into a machine that spit out Sandella's lunches. Lunches were then sent through a chute to the Red Door where they were grilled and served. I knew my quesadilla had a faint taste of humus.

Once again came to the realization that there was not a healthy way to eat vegetarian on campus. No matter what the food looked like, we were still eating the same bowel obstructing pizza from GQ but in a healthier looking form.

One more question burned in my mind that I had to ask Pasquerello. If we were really eating GQ garbage at Sandella's, where was the GQ food coming from?

"Oh, well that's just crap," replied Pasquerello.

Squirrels on campus are actually Animorphs

By A. Corn
WEEKLY RABIES

It is a well-known fact that the College has an abundant population of squirrels scurrying across Academic Row; however, Plant Operations has shockingly discovered that many of the squirrels on campus are actually student Animorphs. Administration was in for a shock when several students were seen actually morphing into squirrels behind the Life Sports Center. Unfortunately, the students were unavailable for comment at press time, as they were busy building nests on some trees along Chew Street.

Much to the disbelief of many students and faculty on campus, the popular K.A. Applegate Animorphs book series (and short-lived Nickelodeon series), featuring characters with the ability to morph into an animal of their choice, is in fact, true.

"Muhlenberg Animorphs prefer to transform into the Sciurus breed, consisting of North American gray squirrels, fox squirrels and tuft-eared squirrels," stated Dr. Niesenbaum, professor of Biology and the newly-added Animorphology class.

Scientists have recently classified a new species of squirrel in honor of Muhlenberg Animorphs, the Muhlenberg Sciurus Bushy-Tailed Berg-Squirrelophogus, or better known as the "Muhlenberg squirrel."

The campus has come to embrace Animorphing as a way to bond with other students and to de-stress after a busy day of classes. Students have also found that Animorphing is a solution to cope with overpriced items in the GQ, snacking on acorns instead of Bagel Bombs. "I was able to save a few meal swipes by eating acorns in Trexler Park," stated one student. "They're a little bitter at first," he remarked, "but after a while, you start to crave them. Plus, they're 100% organic, fat-free and kosher!"

John Pasquarello, Former manager of Dining Services, encouraged Dining Services to accommodate and sponsor the needs of Animorph students. "We've been getting some odd requests written on napkins lately," he said. "Last semester, a girl even asked if we could add acorns to the salad bar." Java Joe's will be adding a new "Hazelnut-Mocha-Acorn-Frappuchino" to

their menu. Also, look for Sandella's newest entree, "Acorn Panini."

Though Animorphing seems to have replaced ultimate frisbee as the leading recreational activity on campus, it is not without its downsides. "Unfortunately, there was an incident last semester involving a first-year student and a hawk," stated a Plant Operations worker. It is also rumored that President Helm's pet dog, Calypso, has eaten several students (Helm has denied these allegations). Campus Safety is currently re-vamping the Campus Rangers program, adding a new hawk-watching unit for the safety of student squirrels.

Despite the risks, student Animorphing has caught on quickly. "It's kind of like an extreme sport," stated Wanna Beasquirrel, who prefers to morph into the Flying-Tree Squirrel species.

"Of course, we advise students to Animorph at their own risk," stated President Helm. "Always Animorph with a buddy, and be alert for predators such as hawks and Calypso. As for me, I am more partial to Animorphing and sun basking at the top of Haas."

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session of marijuana and is anxiously waiting to return to her stressful lifestyle at the College. The College will choose the appropriate time for her return once she is released from jail. Upon returning, Schubert will have to go through the College's grueling Judicial Process, for which she is the advisor. Clearly, she will be acquitted of all charges unlike those who violate the College's coveted Academic Behavior Code. Possession of illegal drugs is a minor offense compared to the illicit expulsion for a violation of the good old ABC

(and no, I'm not talking about the alphabet). When asked about that last remark, Carol Shiner-Wilson, Dean of Academic Life, said, "Well, here at Muhlenberg we really value academic integrity. Hoorah!"

Schubert will hopefully be returning to her overextended lifestyle as Assistant to the glorious Dean Green sometime within the next week.

As for now, get your hookah off campus or Schubert will use it while it's chilling out in the Evidence Closet waiting for you to bring it home at the end of the semester.



The New Dorms for Fall 2007

ADMISSIONS FROM PAGE 1

at body type, eye color, hair texture, make-up technique, grooming and penis size."

Hooker-Haring expressed his "joy in bringing so many wonderfully special and intriguing young people into this special community we like to call Muhlenberg." Unfortunately, Hooker-Haring will not get a chance to meet any of these ridiculously good-looking people. When Aaron Bova, Director of Housing, found out the number of students enrolling would be so outrageous, he had a fit. He said, "I couldn't believe I would have to throw people out in the streets again. I'm already the most hated man in all of Muhlenberg. I mean, did you hear the audience at Mr. Muhlenberg when they announced my name? People were actually booing. Loudly! I'm really starting to think I am the most hated man in all the world."

Upon hearing this news, Bova stormed into Hass basement and confronted Hooker-Haring. According to

Bova, "I really lost my temper. Here we are building these absolutely magnificent new dorms. We're telling everyone they will be ready by the fall, when obviously they won't. I was stressing hardcore about where to put those kids, now I have to worry about all of these incoming freshmen? I just lost it when I went into his office." Bova saw the stack of envelopes on Hooker-Haring's desk ready to be shipped off to really, really, really ridiculously good-looking people everywhere. He grabbed the envelope opener and began destroying each acceptance letter one by one. As Hooker-Haring tried to grab the envelope opener from Bova's hand, it flew into the air, matrix style, and landed on top of Hooker-Haring's bald spot. The shock of the accident caused Hooker-Haring to fall to his death.

Aaron Bova was taken in, but no charges were pressed, seeing as he had due cause. He was however, fired, kicked out of his home by his family and is currently looking for a place to live. From his grave, Hooker-Haring said, "Karma is a bitch."



Aaron Bova finds a new home, in jail.

Can you find the
subliminal message in
this week's issue?

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Look for the answer in next week's issue... or not

The Red Door adds beer to the menu

By Drinkity Drink
WEEKLY ALCOHOLIC

Sandella's, the new dining option in The Red Door in Seegers Union, has only been open for two weeks, but is already closing. Sandella's will soon be replaced by a bar. It turns out students were dissatisfied with the fact that the guacamole, sour cream and salsa each cost 75 cents when they should come with the quesadillas. "How ridiculous is it that the condiments cost 75 cents? It was just another scam to make money from us poor college students. A bar is a much better option for students, so that we can bond with our professors while enjoying martinis and cosmopolitans," said Ivana Drinkalot '08.

The bar will be open to all students, regardless of age and will be sponsored by Campus Safety. Instead of underage students being reported to Campus Safety, Campus Safety will now drink with students in the bar. "This will be a wonderful opportunity to better acquaint ourselves with the students at the College. They are really interesting individuals, who I am sure will be even more interesting when under the influence of alcohol," said Kenneth

Lupole, Director of Campus Safety and Security.

The bar menu will feature a variety of mixed beverages, as well as wines, beers and non-alcoholic beverages. Students will be able to swipe for these drinks using their meal plans, flex or dining dollars. The

"Parents can send care packages of beer goggles to students during finals week."

Ken Lupole, Director
of Campus Safety

drinks will be less expensive than they are in a regular bar, so that all students have the chance to purchase alcoholic beverages. "Every student should have the opportunity to get wasted at least five times a day. I am so glad the College is finally helping to support students in this endeavor," said Jack Daniels '09.

If the bar is a success, it will continue to be in The Red Door forever. The hours of the bar will be from noon until 2:00 a.m., allowing students to attend classes intoxicated. Professors anticipate that the intoxicated students in their classes will provide entertainment,

adding silly, drunken thoughts to class discussions. Professors may also buy drinks at the bar. Drinks will be free for professors as a tribute for doing such a great job educating the students. There will be no limit as to how many drinks may be purchased. Professors will be more than welcome to enter their classes intoxicated, as well. "I would absolutely love to have my professors teach my classes after consuming alcohol. I am sure they would better explain the material, while the students would have so much more fun learning," said Jose Cuervo '07.

Music and bands will be featured from 8:00 p.m. until closing. A new band will be featured each week, and there will be absolutely no cover charge to enter. However, there will be a one drink minimum. Some of the College's tuition money will be put to use in hiring these various bands.

This bar is something that students and faculty will enjoy frequenting on a daily basis and will bring the "Caring College" even closer together. It is something that should have been instituted long ago instead of Sandella's or any other normal dining option.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
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Campbell and Gordon: More than just Student Body Presidents?

By The Weekly
WEEKLY COUNCIL GOER

On Thurs., Mar. 22, Ryan Campbell '08, Student Body President, and Alexander Corgan '08, Resident Liaison of Liberty Street, were cited by Campus Safety for "sponsoring some of the biggest parties this campus has ever seen." While this is true, there is a reason behind the mayhem of why Campbell felt so compelled to invite the whole campus over to "chill out and have a beer." Although in a relationship with Desiree Sedehi '08, Campbell admitted to having an undying man-crush for his successor, Student Body President-Elect, Scott Gordon '08.

But what's the real story? "Well, Scott, I just can't keep it a secret anymore. I think I'm in love...with you." The famous last line of the night resonated through the walls of 2333 Liberty Street. As people cleared out of the party, Gordon and Campbell gazed deeply into each other's eyes, wondering if there was a future for their relationship. Maybe there would be a chance for them once Gordon stepped up to the position of Student Body President and

Campbell, code-name "Demoted," stepped down to be a mere Class Representative, pending election.

"I just couldn't keep the truth about my man-crush in any longer," said Campbell, after admitting the truth to his favorite Council Buddy, Scotty-too-hotty Gordon.

In an attempt to be modest, Gordon smirked and mumbled, "We can't all be this really, really ridiculously good-looking that we even attract heterosexual members of the same sex."

"Once he grew the beard, I just couldn't resist that scruffy face any longer. I knew I had to make my move. I just wasn't sure when or how I would," admitted Campbell when speaking about his man-crush. "I thought that at the end of the night, as everyone was leaving, provided the perfect time. Yeah, I missed out on my 'sexual healing' time with Desiree, but it was totally worth it."

Since Thurs., the two have been seen all around campus together and know that this behavior will most certainly continue until their positions change (as it is only proper for Gordon to shadow his predecessor for the time that

remains during his term).

Together, they enjoy late nights in the third floor Hass conference room, early Friday morning meetings with Dean Green and most importantly, the ever-so-popular long walks on the beach.

Matthew Rosenberg '08, code-name "I'm with him [Scott Gordon]," ran away upon hearing the news that he had lost his partner in crime and would no longer be able

to be a consistent, few steps behind Gordon.

As of now, Gordon and Campbell are anxiously awaiting Apr. 1, when Gordon officially becomes Student Body President and Campbell officially becomes "demoted." It is also both of their 21st birthdays. They are looking forward to spending the day together with other Council members and watching opening day base-

ball in The Red Door while enjoying a beer or two. According to Gordon, "Rosenberg will not be missed; Ryan is the new man for me."

On a side note, the presence of Jared Fine-Body, Student Body President before Campbell, is clearly needed back on campus to get these Student Body Presidents back on the right track.



Campbell and Gordon share a special moment during a difficult transitional period.

PHOTO BY JARED FINE-BODY

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What's Happening On Campus This Weekend:

Friday, March 30

4 pm Women's Lacrosse vs. Haverford
7 - 9 pm Gospel Choir Rehearsal in Empie Theatre (no auditions)
9 pm - 1 am Student Performers in Lobby
10 pm - 2 am Pulse Dance in Red Door

Saturday, March 31

9 am-2:30 pm Gospel Choir Rehearsal in Empie Theatre (no auditions)
10 am Muhlenberg Invitational Outdoor Track & Field
12:30 pm Baseball vs. Franklin & Marshall (DH)
1 pm Softball vs. Gettysburg
3 pm Men's Tennis vs. Johns Hopkins
7:30 pm Gospel Choir Performance in Empie
10 pm Band "Akilles" in Red Door
11 pm - 2 am Middle Eastern Late Nite Madness in GQ

The "Lost Village" lunatic scares the pants off students living in MacGregor

By B. Spears and K. Fed
WEEKLY TRAILOR TRASHER

On Mar. 15, a cold and dark night, four girls were tucked into their beds after a typical Thursday night of partying. The girls had just sponsored a party in MacGregor Village, or what can now be called "The Lost Village". This "temporary housing" has been going strong since 1986, the fortunate year that some of us were born. Recently, though, they have started the beginning stages of construction; trees are gone and few occupants remain. There are, however, people such as these four girls, who have chosen to stick with MacGregor through its final days.

It was approximately 5:23 a.m. when the girls awoke to a loud knocking on their back door. Frozen in shock and horror, they were too scared to move. One girl was brave enough to peek through her window to see the cause of the disturbance. The other roommates were dismayed when she described their disturbance as a "bald, naked man." The horror story gets blurry from here on out, but as the girls described it, his sheer force, or what they call his belly fat, was enough to break through the door, entering their beloved trailer.

Plopping himself on the couch in a sad, pathetic state, one resident confronted

their "new guest." After asking many questions and arguing back and forth as to where he had come from and why he was naked, the girl realized he was not there to harm them. He was just cold and needed a blanket, so she searched the trailer to find one. When asked by Campus Safety how she would describe him, she explained that it was dark and hard to distinguish his specific features, but made comments about not recognizing that he was completely unclothed. Whether that can be attributed to the darkness, or lack of size, we may never know, but according to the witness, "It was little, if it even existed at all."

When Campus Safety arrived, the girls informed them that the man had gone into the hallway between the two suites. After about twenty minutes of silence, the girls didn't know what was going on. Laughter and loud chatter began resonating in their front hallway. They opened their front door to find Campus Safety drinking with their naked guest.

The girls now believe that this was a conspiracy planned by the school to encourage the residents of MacGregor to move out, allowing construction on the new building to begin. The residents proclaim they will fight for their trailer home and trailer park community until the bulldozers are brought in.



An unidentified man, who clearly did not have a '10 incher', attacks MacGregor Village.

PHOTO BY VINNY

Campus Safety Notes

Mar. 22 - Returned item - Ben Jackson '07, returned sexy back to Justin Timberlake.

Mar. 22 - Suspicious Person - Two unidentified librarians were caught doing inappropriate things to each other in the Muhlenberg Room in the Trexler Library. A tour walked by and parents were outraged! Their sons secretly handed in their deposits immediately upon returning to Hass.

Mar. 23 - Public Drunkenness - Justin Gerstley '07, was making a ruckus outside the freshman dorms, lying to girls about his "10 incher." When Campus Safety arrived on the scene, he was not only unable to walk a straight line, but he also hit on Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety, a lot. He was then measured at a meak 3 inches. Later, he was referred to the Judicial Process for lying to a Campus Safety officer.

Mar. 23 - Foul Play - A

male student was seen attempting to climb Victors Lament, so he could shout, "I'm the king of the world." He was unable to complete this task, however, because two of the College's squirrels beat him to the punch. True story.

Mar. 24 - Injured student - A student slipped on the ice and was complaining of intense pain in her back and legs. When Campus Safety arrived on the scene and realized it was Jamie Schneider '08, they laughed hysterically and refused to take her to St. Luke's, again.

Mar. 24 - Underage drinking - All students who had ever spent a portion of their night at Lupos Bar were arrested. Campus Safety moved the remaining students into Walson Hall and Aaron Bova, Director of Housing, took a day off.

Mar. 25 - Suspicious Person - An individual was initially arrested when students had seen him streaking in the

quad. His statement to Campus Safety was, "We're going streaking!" When Campus Safety realized the man was President Helm, he was released.

Mar. 26 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to cooking on the stove in General's Quarter.

Mar. 26 - Vandalism - Four female students were sent to Judicial for spray painting, "Whore House" on the side facing Chew St. in the new dorm.

Mar. 26 - Disorderly Conduct - All those students who are Theatre majors were sent to Judicial for taking over the world.

Mar. 27 - Theft - Students were found running down Academic Row carrying the bell from Hass Tower. Although, the incident is still being investigated, Mike Bruckner, Vice President of Publicity, has decided that Hass Tower

will now officially be known as, "The Nipple."

Mar. 27 - Exposing oneself in public - A male Communications professor was arrested for teaching an unsuitable lesson to male students. He came to class with boxes and instructed them to 1) put a whole in that box, 2) put their junk in that box and 3) open the box. He then preceded with his class to walk around campus asking female students to open the box.

Mar. 29 - Possession - Students broke up a kegger at Campus Safety. Two officers, found passed out on couches, were taken to the hospital. An unidentified smoking device still lit, sitting by the Campus Safety officers, was knocked over, causing damage to Campus Safety. Bova issues fines.

Feb. 8 - Indecent Exposure - Sarah Smith '07, was arrested by Allentown Police for popping-a-squat on the President's dog, Calypso.

The dog was later returned to its rightful owner, R. Kelly.

Mar. 29 - Line dancing accident - A dance was held in the Garden Room that only really cool people attended, sponsored by some class that needs the money. During the line dancing, Sara Whorowitz '08, accidentally fell into a group of visiting New York Yankees players. Derek Jeter was reported to have a severely strained groin after the incident and is expected to miss several weeks of the beginning of the season. He was charged for the price of the condoms.

Mar. 29 - Theft - Male members of Student Council were found in possession of female panties and bras. This revelation came a week after female members of *The Weekly* reported missing bras and panties. The members of Student Council are being forced to wear the items they stole to graduation.

Death!

"The fear of death is the most unjustified of all fears, for there's no risk of accident for someone who's dead."

- Albert Einstein

After-Life Alumni: Have they contacted you yet?

By Casper the friendly ghost
WEEKLY GHOST BUSTER

We all know they exist on campus, and some of us have even had the opportunity to run into some of them. Ghosts on the College's campus are no secret, and recently, they seem to be taking further actions aside from the usual nightly visits. Handfuls of students reportedly began to receive mysterious letters in their campus mailboxes last month that said, "Rose Garden, Midnight." Not knowing why they received them, students put in complaints to the Mail Room.

Again, nothing could be determined. None of the employees from the mailroom remembered such a letter, but said they would be on the lookout for anything in the future. The following week, more letters were received. This time the letters said, "Rose Garden, Midnight, Friday." The mailroom staff still did not know where the letters had come from, and assured students that they had not placed them in the mailboxes.

The students decided they would follow the directions given in the letter and meet on Friday night, but

no one knew of any rose gardens on campus. After some historical research at the library, students realized that there used to be a house with a rose garden in the vicinity where Trexler Pavilion and South Hall now reside.

The house once belonged to Oscar Bernheim, who died in 1946, but was torn down, along with his beloved rose garden, when space was needed for new buildings. Wanting to get to the bottom of this mystery, students who had received the letters decided to meet behind South Hall that Friday at midnight. What the students saw is something most would have to see to believe.

On arrival at the scene, students waited in anticipation for the mastermind behind this scheme. When an unrecognizable man began walking towards them from what seemed to be nowhere, the students began to regret the decision to meet him.

According to one of the students present, the man introduced himself as Oscar Bernheim. Apparently, he and a few of the other college ghosts were beginning a recruitment program for After Life Alumni. Bernheim informed the students that this takes a certain commitment

to the College and a determination that not all students have. Bernheim then filled the students in on each position he used to hold at the College. Some of these included: registrar, bookkeeper, athletic manager, alumni secretary, manager of the dining hall and secretary to the president.

Realizing that the school has begun accepting significantly more students than in previous years, Bernheim thought he too would take advantage of this heightened interest in the College and make sure that its future is in good hands. If current students have the dedication to live a "Muhlenberg Life," just as Bernheim, then they too can become a Muhlenberg Ghost.

You don't ever have to leave! Who wouldn't want that? If you can keep yourself employed by or affiliated with the school in any way until your departure from this world, then Bernheim and his fellow After Life Alumni will be more than happy to let you into their world.

Another instance of current students being contacted by After Life Alumni happened one week after Bernheim made his appearance behind South Hall. After contacting

an alumnus that came up on the alumni connections database in the Career Center, a student reported that the woman she had contacted and spoken to passed away in 1995. When the student called back, the number had been disconnected.

Was this a blip on the computer screen, or was it Bernheim striking again? While there is no determining whether or not this student's phone call was real or not, there is no question that Bernheim rallied up a group of students to advocate his alumni relations group.

Campus Safety has been alerted to the situation and there is now a guard on duty behind South Hall at all times. Who knows what Bernheim will try next, right? It has not yet been discovered if the contacted students are contemplating Bernheim's offer or not, but it is suspected that a number of them have joined together in protest of Bernheim by placing dead roses throughout the campus.

So Muhlenberg, be on the lookout for any mysterious letters sponsored by Bernheim and his friends. Are you the next Member of the prestigious Muhlenberg After-Life Alum?



Students being haunted by Bernheim decided to meet behind South Hall in order to come up with a plan.

Does size matter?

By Ten Inches
WEEKLY WANG WANG

Ladies, ladies, have you noticed that men seem to be quite obsessed with their penises? I really don't understand it. Men seem to define their "manness" by the size of their wiener, yet women don't define themselves by the size of their racks or the broadness of their booties. I feel like most women appreciate a larger penis, but by no means exclude men from their sexual or emotional lives due to a "lack of." Yet, men still like to fixate on themselves...oh so proud when their thing is the thang!

Once, on the car ride home during a school break, two friends and I had the notion to judge men roadsters' egos through the size of the wangy, wang, wang. We took a random piece of paper from the crap littering the junk mobile's floor and wrote, "Honk if you're a 10-incher!" We promptly hung this in the

window and to our surprise, Justin Gerstley '07, who was driving beside us, sharply honked his horn.

It was incredible how many men actually beeped, actually had the balls and stupidity to play into our little game. Looking back, they completely prove my point that men are obsessed with their package and will do anything to spread the word of its goodness as well as do anything to hide its "inadequacy." Who the hell cares how big you are as long as you act like a man? If you are a great person, who cares how big you are?

Boys, boys, boys, give the ladies a little bit of credit. We don't all need Gerstley's 10-incher to make us O. Guys, take a step and reevaluate the importance of size—bigger is not always better. In fact, too big can be a bit scary. Work with what you have and get your technique down. The ladies love a man who can make her feel good no matter what. Stay sexy, stay safe, stay sponsored, Muhlenberg!

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Lonely? IM the Library!

By Circulation Stalker
WEEKLY BOOKWORM

Students have really embraced the Library's dedication to assistance sponsored through AIM...a sample conversation follows:

Bibliophile69: Hey baby

TalktoTrexler: Thank you for contacting the library. How can we assist you?

Bibliophile69: There are SO many ways

TalktoTrexler: Is there a particular book you are looking for?

Bibliophile69: You must be a book, 'cuz I wanna CHECK you out

TalktoTrexler: Would you like us to explain to you how to check out books?

Bibliophile69: I lost my Call number, can I have yours?

TalktoTrexler: All call numbers can be found by looking up the book title on our website

Bibliophile69: You have a website? Are there pictures?

TalktoTrexler: Yes!

Bibliophile69: Really?

TalktoTrexler: Multimedia can be found by clicking the link on the website. For example, we have various videos that can be checked out.

Bibliophile69: Are you in them, sexy?

TalktoTrexler: I'm sorry, that is an invalid question. Perhaps I can refer you to the circulation desk.

Bibliophile69: Just meet me on Level C, baby.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SEX POSITION?



"The 'Berg Bulletin."

-Mike Bruckner, Vice President of Public



"I prefer the Fishbowl."

-Marjorie Hass, Provost



"In all my years as a sexual being, I would have to say the Victor's Lament is my favorite sex position."

-President Helm



"The kitchen table."

-Susan Stachowski,
Administrative Assistant to the
Dean of Students



"The Martin Luther (a modified missionary)."

-Jeff Rudski, Associate
Professor of Psychology



"The Bagel Bomber."

-Sharon Venanzi Operations
Manager, Sodexho

Compiled by Antarctica

AMC Weekend Listings



Sleeping Beauty

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 9:50
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 9:50
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

Cinderella

Fri. 1:00, 6:30, 9:45
Sat. 3:00, 6:30, 9:45
Sun. 11:45, 3:00, 6:30

Beauty & the Beast

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:30
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 9:30
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Mulan

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Pocohantas

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 9:30
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 9:30
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

The Little Mermaid

Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

Aladdin

Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

Snow White

Fri. 4:50, 7:50, 10:00
Sat. 4:50, 7:50, 10:00
Sun. 1:50, 4:50, 7:50

A capella blood bath

By Creepy Guy at Work
WEEKLY WAR CORRESPONDENT

This past weekend, perhaps due to a new moon, Easter or spring fever, the A capella groups on campus decided that they have had enough of each other. Since the number of A capella groups have increased recently, going from three to six in the past year, the veteran groups have been seen complaining about reduced stage time and dwindling devoted fans.

Quietly, they formulated plans to quickly eliminate one another, seemingly sponsored secretly by the Dynamics because they still have the most members standing. Being co-ed, they seem to have the advantage of inconspicuousness, as members from other groups are disappearing from public places at random moments and along academic row.

Frightened of losing members, the Acafellas have banded together at all times, believing the idea that there is safety in numbers. When one member is gone from sight, they all sing, "Stand by Me" until the missing member returns. So far, they seem to be successful and have only reported the loss of two percussionists.

As for the last veteran group, the Girls Next Door, not many of them are left (sad to report) but they sport t-shirts in favor of those they've lost which say, "Don't Stop Believing." The other all-girl group on campus, the Chaimonics, have merely disappeared altogether, which seems to be their strategy regardless of killings, as sightings of them on campus are usually quite rare.

Noteworthy, as sources have reported, may have all just up and moved to New York City, as that is the only place their songs are even appreciated. Rumor has it that a few

Dynamic members may have followed them there to prevent a possible return.

Even though these valued groups have all lost members or are missing altogether, the real battle is being waged between the Dynamics and InAcchord, the two groups growing the most in popularity recently. Both have put up a decent fight, though the Dynamics may have gained an advantage as they now possess the renowned InAcchord cane. They beat the owner to death with it and have been using it quite effectively ever since. Grief stricken over their losses, various members have been seen repeatedly singing the line, "I Will Try to Fix You" to their battered members, hoping that the power of their harmonies will have healing powers.

Currently, it seems the Dynamics will emerge victorious from this battle. However, all is not over yet, as they have been a bit reckless in their eliminations recently. The most tragic of their mistakes was the elimination of every single Soul Sound Stepper. The silence in between steps caused the Dynamics to react in a negative and somewhat frightening manner, because they could not take the absence of even background vocals.

Hopefully, no more senseless deaths will occur, and the Dynamics will be able to contain themselves and deal with the fact that they cannot control the A capella scene. They may have caught other groups in their spider web of power and fear but until they learn to walk on the ocean, it is really up to the Student Body as a whole to decide who should rule the A capella scene at the College. Of course, their choices may be limited seeing as hardly anyone is left to complete the other groups.



Top: A rare sighting of two performing Chaimonic members, seeming to be scared for their lives.

Bottom: Acafellas band together, while the Dynamics plot their sinister plan under the guise of a performance.

PHOTOS BY CRAZED GROUPIE



Campus Safety Incognito

By Detective Canine
WEEKLY NARC WRITER

As most of you are well aware by now, the College has made an increasing number of efforts to promote healthy lifestyle choices for students. One of the ways our deeply-caring College has done so has been by adding new food items; and don't worry, that burning in your stomach about 30 minutes later is completely normal.

The College has realized that they can only do so much in the public venues of the school to promote healthy lifestyle changes. Consequently, the College's food service, in yet another attempt to control us and our bodies, has sponsored Campus Safety's newest escapade. Campus Safety is now performing random room searches.

One student recalls at about 3:00 a.m. one night, "...someone dressed in a French maid's uniform knocked on my door, and given that it was 3:00 a.m., I found this a little bit odd. But I was lonely and desperate, so I decided to see where this would go."

Unfortunately, he found out soon that the maid was really an incognito Campus Safety officer out to perform a random drug search. The officer found four kilos of marijuana, which the student claimed were for the brownies he was going to make later. He was promptly arrested and sent to the stocks which are located in President Helm's office. Upon hearing about this, we decided to interview a Campus Safety officer in order to find out what was really going on. An officer speaking

on the condition of anonymity told us, "We assumed that if we went door-to-door in our usual uniforms, students would become suspicious and hide the drugs. So, to circumvent any reservations a student might have had, we have been sending around 'undercover' officers. So far, we have sent officers dressed as an American Indian chief, a construction worker, a member of the military, a biker and a cowboy. Our experience shows us that students generally prefer the American Indian chief."

In order to confirm this, we decided to interview a different student who had been busted by the costumed American Indian chief officer. We proceeded to Helm's office where we found the student in the stocks. Upon asking him why he let the American Indian chief into his room and promptly offered him drugs, the student replied, "Well, my roommate and I kind of assumed that he just wanted to get high. I was pretty baked, so it didn't even occur to me that I should question why there would be an American Indian chief knocking at my door at 4 a.m. on a Tuesday."

We recommend, in order to stay healthy, that students should exercise regularly, eat right (you might need to go off campus to do this, I recommend fried food) and last, but not least, stay off the drugs! The College will be sponsoring more activities and programs in the near future to promote healthier lifestyle changes among us. When we asked how one student felt about this program, she replied, "I'll do as I please!"

Go Get Some Culture!

New class series to be taught, sponsored by Mr. Muhlenberg talents! Every Saturday morning in the Prosser Lounge, 6 a.m. to 10 a.m..

Speed-Dancing with Oren Smith. Come dance up a sweat to every pop song imaginable! Auditions required.

Soul Sound Stepping with Brian Wernick. Levels: Basic, Intermediate, Advanced, Insane.

Rythmic Gymnastics with Greg Pask. Students must provide their own leotard and ribbons.

"Get Fit like Rocky" Personal Training with Ross Cohen. Certified athletic trainer.

Vocal lessons taught by Tim Hughes. Participants must provide their own alcohol and a Celine Dion love ballad of their choice.

Belly Dancing taught by Kristen Brophy. Sole female competitor, belly chains not provided.



Middle Eastern Late Nite Madness!

Saturday, March 31st
GQ Late Night

11pm - 2 am
Music by Roudi and Belly
Dancing!

Co-sponsored by Student Activities and Dining Services

Joe Pa's retirement sends current nittany Lions to Muhlenberg

By Gugenheimerbergerlerger
HAMBURGLER

Just a few days ago, an atomic bomb was dropped on the college football world as Penn State Head Coach Joe Paterno finally called it quits. The 80 year-old coach, who had been pacing the sidelines as either an assistant or head coach for 57 years, decided that he finally needed to slow down. Much of his consideration to retire was due to the broken leg he suffered during the Wisconsin game back in November of last season. Penn State is losing its greatest architect of tradition... and is also losing some of its rising talent.

The coach's retirement came as a huge surprise, and the reactions of many star players have been shocking to say the least. At least ten players, including quarterback Anthony Morelli and super-stud receivers Deon Butler and Derrick Williams, are transferring to smaller division III schools (NCAA does not permit transferring to a school in the same division unless you sit out for one year). The three players mentioned (Morelli, Butler and Williams) will all be suiting up for the Mules next year. "We were extremely sad to see our sponsor Coach Paterno leave, and it just wouldn't be right to play for the Blue and White without Coach," stated Morelli, who was fighting back tears. "He has been like a father to us all, and I can't imagine the program being the same without him."

"When I was looking at schools early in my high school career, I loved Muhlenberg," Butler added. "When Paterno left, the three of us wanted to leave, but still play next season, so I showed the guys Muhlenberg's campus, and they fell in love with it." The three playmakers should help super-size the offensive attack next season for the Mules. Butler is an overall strong receiver, and should dominate at the Division III level. Derrick Williams will be a nightmare for everyone, as he has the speed and lateral quickness to take it to the house with every touch he gets. Quarterback Anthony Morelli also will be a nice addition, as he improved throughout the season last year. These three prized transfers could be enough to help the Mules win the Centennial Conference Championship for the first time in three years, and could also help move the Mules deep into the National Championship Bracket. Penn State, however, will have to suffer through the mass exodus of coach and players, and most likely drop to become bottom feeders of the Big Ten Conference. Overall, what Penn State loses, Muhlenberg gains.

Shop for a better body

By Princess Consuela Bananahammock
AVID MALL WALKER

Muhlenberg announced that it will be holding a Mall Walking competition this Saturday. If you wish to walk, sign up in Seegers (must be 70 years or older to participate and be an excellent physical specimen). The Lehigh Valley Mall will be closed for this special occasion, so please note that if you were planning on shopping, your day will be ruined due to the risk of becoming mall walking road kill.

The race will begin at Boscov's and end at the smoothie station where the competitors may enjoy complimentary shakes. Water stations will be set up in the Men's Department of JC Penny as well as Charlotte Rouse (where contestants can feel free to purchase a snazzy accessory). Also along the route will be judges, mainly retired mall walkers who sponsor and still have a passion for the sport. They will judge the contestants in three categories: arm pumping (fists must be tightly closed at all times and as always, the higher the better), hip rotation (in order to feel an entire-body burn, a healthy swagger always gets you going) and of course, the smile, because let's face it, mall walking is fun. It is a good way to get your best gal pals together and gossip about the latest elderly news. But this is not to discourage gentlemen from participating. On the contrary, 78 percent of female competitors are widows.

A final word of caution: the Mules will NOT tolerate any foul play. Tripping, shoving and stealing any walking-aid is reason for disqualification. However, distractions are permitted. Shiny, neon tracksuits and blue

hair may be used as devices for distracting the competition. Plus, there is a good chance that attire will come into play for the judging process (we all do it. We all know that the more tapered the pants, the better).

Prizes include the title of Champion Mall Walker in the Lehigh Valley as well as pride. Second place is a little bit of pride and third is a ribbon. But the real prize here, folks, is immaterial. The feeling of a healthy lifestyle as well as the satisfaction that always comes with multi-tasking is the ultimate reward. Need a new spatula? No problem. You can get what you need and work out the old ticker at the same time. Head on over to cookware, and make it snappy. Your display of miniature collector items has formed a two-inch thick layer of dust? Find that clearance and buy yourself a nice feather duster, but take long rapid strides on the way. Shopping is a sport in itself. Find that sale. Chase down that slightly annoyed salesperson. Try to power-walk to the back wall of the Disney Store and see if you can make it out sans Disney associate "we have an overly-friendly staff" attacks.

So no matter the weather outside, come on over to the mall for the Great Mall Walking Competition of '07. After all, who needs a pricey gym when the local mall is free? Who needs to pump actual iron when you've got shopping bags to tone those muscles? And an escalator is just as effective as a Stairmaster; simply attempt to climb up the "down" escalator. Just keep an eye out for Security. So lace up those tennies, reach for those oh-so-far-away knees and remember to stay hydrated. And as always, bring your nerves of steel.

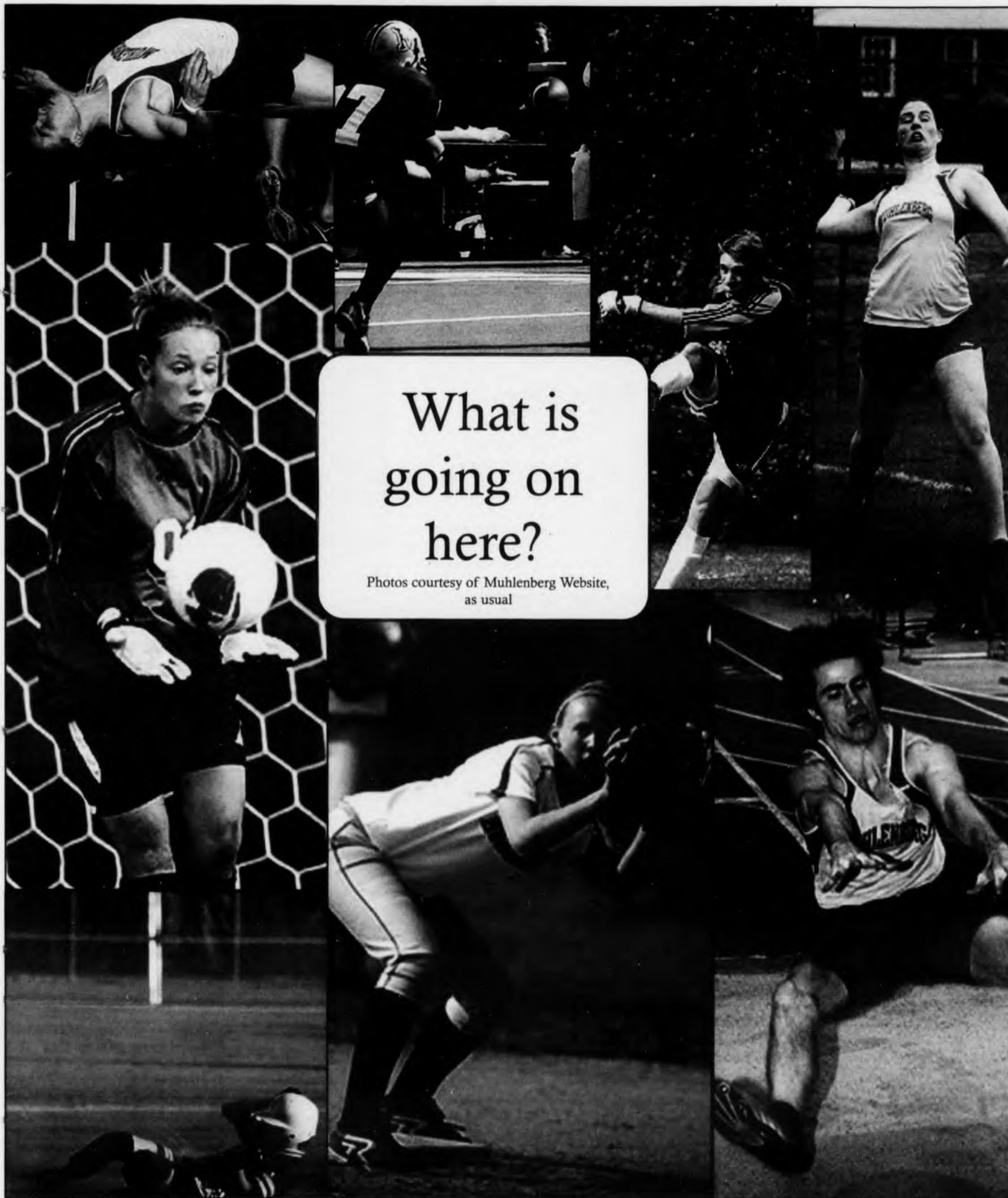


With there new aquisitions, the Mules will go far next season.

PHOTO BY WATERBOY

The best of the best:

Most flattering Sports photos of 2007



Muhlenberg coaches find success through shoveling.

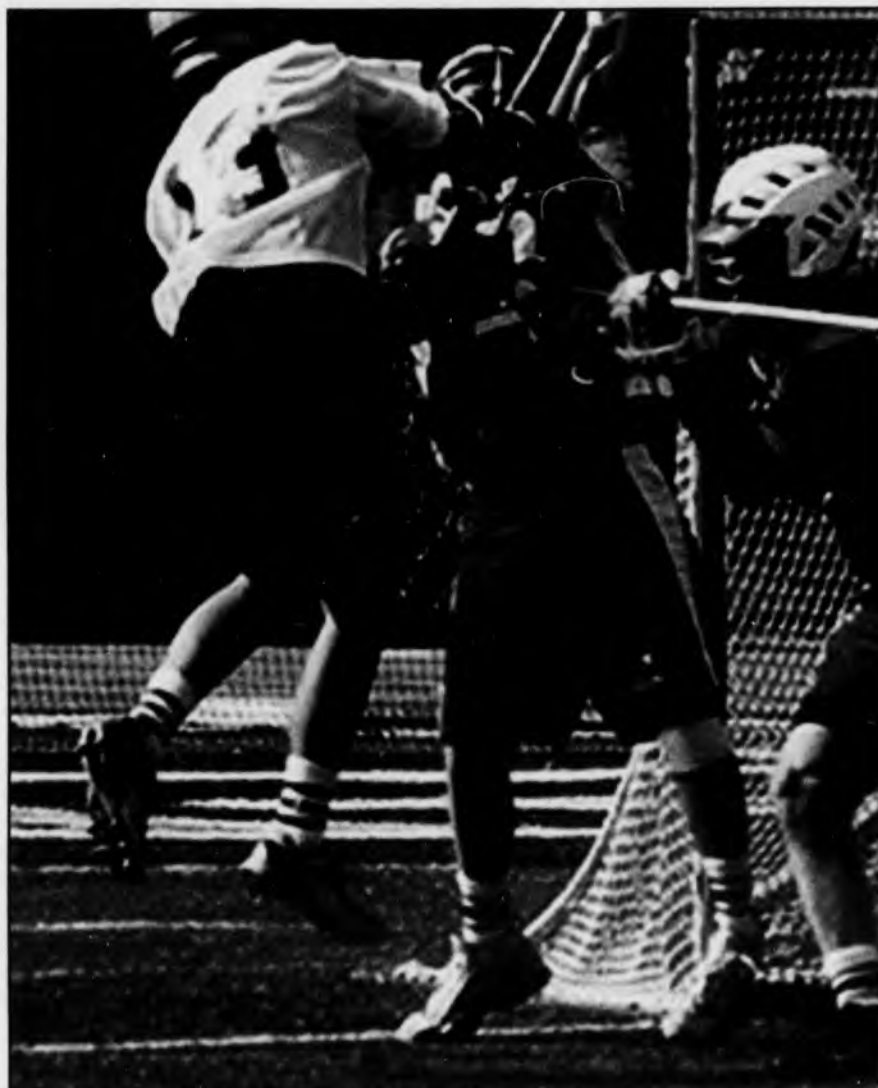
By Mr. Miagi
KARATE MASTER

Here at the College, the Athletics Department has decided to try out new methods for getting their athletes into shape in the extremely competitive Division III. While most colleges stick to traditional training regiments, Muhlenberg has once again shifted away from normality, setting itself apart from the crowd.

The Athletics Department has, following a successful trial with individual teams, incorporated shoveling and raking into their already strict athletic program. The Women's Lacrosse Team has already proven that you can shovel your way through snow to success. Almost halfway through the season, the Lacrosse Team is now 5-2, and the shovels deserve the credit. Kate Armstrong '11 said, "The shoveling helped us prepare for those tough games. I feel that it really worked us hard, putting the ice into our veins." Although the shoveling has proven great success, it has had some drawbacks. Although the team had started with a perfect 5-0 record, three of the starters, Ivana Check '07, Gong Show '07 and Jawana Attackmen '07 were injured during practice...cough...shoveling...cough...but you didn't hear it from me. The school is obviously covering up these incidents so they can continue to use these new methods without the NCAA stepping in and stopping the new technique. When asked if she personally sponsors the shoveling, Attackmen said, "Getting injured was worth it. The new training plan is much tougher, and more dangerous than the traditional workout, but it made me what I am today. As soon as my back is healthy, I hope it snows again."

Lacrosse isn't the only team trying out new techniques. The Baseball Team has also been spotted raking their field, and it was rumored that they might have also had a secret shoveling practice. Mike Heart (who acts like he is) '17, denied any involvement in shoveling the baseball field, only stating, "What happens on the baseball field, stays on the baseball field." Whether that is referring to the shoveling, or the alleged incident involving himself and a teammate in the visitors dugout, he wouldn't say. Although he wouldn't comment on the shoveling, Senior Frank Bettini said, "Raking the field has really helped me with my grip on the bat, and improve my... swing."

Although they are out of season, the Basketball Team has also thought of a new technique they will begin using next season. The members of the team will bring back the Mr. Miagi technique. They will "wax on, wax off" the entire basketball court the night before every home game as a way to increase mental concentration and to get to know the court better. Their coaches are predicting big things next season. Josh Paskford '08.5 said, "Man who catch fly with chopsticks accomplish anything."



It is a known fact that shoveling leads to an increased vertical leap, and the Mules are flying. If performed properly, shoveling works those legs like they've never been worked before.

PHOTO BY FROSTY THE SNOWMAN

Muhlenberg College proudly presents 1st Annual Gospel Choir Weekend Workshop/Concert

All interested singers from the Muhlenberg and local Lehigh Valley community are invited to participate in this uplifting, inspirational two-day event!

FEATURING:

L. Kirk Hatcher, Choral Director
Miami, Florida

Edward A. Menifee, Jr., Music
Director
Atlanta, Georgia

REHEARSALS:

Friday, March 30th from 7:00 p.m. -
9:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 31st from 9:00
a.m. * 2:30 p.m.

There will be a warm-up just prior
to the concert at 5:30 p.m.

CONCERT:

Saturday, March 31st at
7:30 p.m.

Empie Theatre in the
Baker Center for the Arts
2400 Chew Street
Allentown, Pennsylvania

NO AUDITIONS

FREE and Open to the Public
If interested in participating in the
workshop, please contact Susan at
extension 3182



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Isn't s/he lovely

By Gracie Lou Freebush
1983 MISS AMERICA RUNNER-UP

After sneaking a peek at last week's editorial the Class of 2008 decided that they would allow for the first female contestant in Mr. Muhlenberg. Kristen Brophy '07 received several preliminary nominations (I would know, I alphabetized them) and although she never interviewed, she was the twelfth contender vying for the name Mr. Muhlenberg 2007. Brophy joined freshman Teddy "Sing my heart out" Lytle and Adam "Moon walk" Rogers, sophomores Ross "Rocky" Cohen, Oren "I'm Oreny" Smith and Brian "Soul Sound Stepper" Wernick, juniors Dany "Yellow polka dot bikini" Guy, Greg "Ribbon dance" Pask and Dave "ET phone home" Wrigley, and seniors Tim "I have a blow-up doll" Hughes, Jimmy John "I'm from Philly" McElvaney and Aaron "I really love being bitch slapped by Sarah Smith" Weintraub for the 9th annual Mr. Muhlenberg competition.

Brophy, former Chair of the Academics Committee came out for her introduction with the Registrar, Deborah Tamte-Horan, to announce that online registration is finally here. At a follow-up interview after the show they clarified that last statement, "We really meant to say inline registration is here, as in students will continue to wait in line throughout the staircases of Hass College Center in order to register for their classes until Capstone catches up and allows us to move forward with the project."

For the talent portion of the competition, Brophy came out shaking her ass as she belly danced and really got the crowd going. It was tight competition as Rocky and Xavier Olivares '09 had an American Wedding themed dance-off and a robbed Oreny danced to a whole lot of different

music...Youtube.com is calling, they want a copy.

By the time the formalwear and question and answer part of the competition rolled around, Brophy sported footy pajamas as it was already two hours past her bedtime and claimed that she wanted "harsher violations for parole victims, Stan," when asked, "What is one of the most important things our Muhlenberg communities needs?" Brophy was accompanied by her "little bitch" Greg Rose'08 who finally got a chance to tell the school how much he has "enjoyed being Brophy's little bitch for the past few years."

This year's competition was sponsored by judges Aaron "the students hate me" Bova, Becky "the students love me" Grace, Dr. Paul Meier and Alyssa Rabenold. The decision was unanimous and Brophy was crowned Mr., or should I say Miss, Muhlenberg 2007 as the crowd went wild for Brophy and continued to boo Aaron Bova. Second place went to Dany Guy for his wonderful burp-tastic rendition of the College's alma mater and third to Ross Cohen for his awesome video that was made even before he knew he'd be joining in on this year's competition.

In conclusion, I am glad to report that Brophy proved the Editorial Board wrong and that the presence of a female did not turn the event into a catty beauty competition.

On a complete side note, Brophy, Cohen, Pask and Smith will be teaching a series of dance classes, "Dance Like Mr. Muhlenberg" throughout the rest of the semester. Pask, whose class will be taught Saturday morning from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. said, "Now that basketball season is over, I can focus on my more graceful side, but be sure to bring your own leotard and ribbons if you act. You know you want to."



Step aside men of the 'Berg, Kristen Brophy '07 was crowned Mr./Miss Muhlenberg earlier this week.

PHOTO BY HENRY VIII

Mules take over March Madness

By Mad Hatter
TEA PARTY THROWER

March Madness is in full swing, and Muhlenberg Basketball had an outstanding 95-91 win last weekend against well-ranked Villanova. The game was held in the Life Sports Center, and all of Allentown came out to support the team. One die-hard fan said he showed up at 5:30 a.m. for the 12 o'clock game and lined up with the hoards of people who had the same idea as he did. Due to the lack of space inside the gym, many people had to sit on the track outside and listen to the game on the loudspeaker.

During first half of the game, Muhlenberg was down by over 15 points. Thanks to the fans who broke out in Billy Joel's song, "Allentown," the team found new energy and tied the game in the final minutes of the second half. Nova was holding strong until the Mule mascot started making eyes at a Nova's player's girlfriend in the stands. Nova was distracted by the situation, and Muhlenberg pulled through with a glorious win.

Downtown Allentown became the center of celebration among locals, staff and students of the College. The food was donated by "Ham Fam." One expecting mother claims she will name her baby after one of the star players because of the impact this win has had on her life. The celebration went on into the night, as fireworks were set off on the roof of Croc Rock, the sponsor of the event.

Everyone wants to know what's next for this small college team. They are flying out to North Carolina to play UNC in the final four. Many people plan on driving down to support the team. What some may consider as a small achievement, this team and win has created a much needed bond between a college and its town.

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Students team up to fight Cystic Fibrosis

By Jamie Schneider
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

On March 16, Joe Armenti '10 and Jordan Sones '10 were featured on 69-WFMZ-TV for a new organization, Cystic Fibrosis on Campus (CFC), that they started at the College. Currently, Armenti serves as President of the organization and Sones as Vice President. "CF is a cause that is very close to both of us. I have two friends back home who have CF," said Sones. Armenti and Sones joined up with classmates Angela Lucci '10, Treasurer of CFC and

Matt Pearson '10, Secretary of CFC to start the club.

According to Pearson who was going to get involved because he wanted to learn more about the disease itself and help to raise awareness of the disease among the College's students, "A college like this one is very responsive to getting involved and helping a good cause, as can be seen with Colleges Against Cancer and Can-it-for-Cancer. There was not already a strong presence of Cystic Fibrosis awareness on campus and I think that Armenti and Sones wanted to help bring the issue to the

surface."

"I got involved when Armenti and Sones approached me to be a part of an organization they were forming and which they wanted me to become a part of. Knowing some people with CF, I was more than happy to help out and become an active member," said Lucci.

"CF is the most common genetic disease yet, most college students don't know much about it. Our mission is to educate the campus about the disease and raise

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Members of Cystic Fibrosis are working hard to raise money in hopes that one day a cure will be found for CF.

PHOTO COURTESY OF JORDON SONES

College working hard to implement Gender Neutral Housing policy

By Jenn Lavelle
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

On March 15, Student Council unanimously voted in favor of a Gender Neutral Housing Proposal drafted by Adrian Shanker '09, Co-President of Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA). The proposal was introduced to Council by Rachel Rosenberg '07, Vice

"Gender neutral housing allows for student rights and student safety."

Adrian Shanker '09

President of Student Council. The resolution is being sent to Karen Green, Dean of Students and Vice President of Student Affairs, and Jan Schumacher, Director of Residential Services.

A committee will also review the proposal to find the best solution for gender neutral housing at the College. The final decision will go before the Board of Trustees hopefully by the Fall 2007 meeting.

The proposal requests gender neutral housing on campus for all housing options except for first year dorms (because one cannot easily choose a roommate), and East and Martin Luther (because of potential bathroom difficulty). Members of GSA believe that students should have a gender neutral housing option available to them. It will not be part of any freshman living situation or match-maker program.

Part of the impetus for this proposal was the

redrafting of the College's nondiscrimination policy in 2005 to include gender identity. Since the nondiscrimination policy was revised to include gender, many students felt that other College policies could be extended to take gender identity into account. "Gender neutral housing allows for student rights and student safety," said Shanker. Because most college students are over 18, they should be able to choose their roommates despite gender. It is also a safety issue because, according to the Gender Public Advocacy Coalition, at least 50 youths under the age of 30 have been murdered since 1996 because of their gender identity, which is not considered a hate crime by the U.S. government. Hopefully, gender neutral living options on campus would protect gay, lesbian, transgender and

Those opposed to the proposal often argue that gender neutral housing would increase sexual activity on campus.

gender nonconforming students from unwarranted discrimination or harassment.

"This unanimous vote is representative of the very broad student support for equality and gender neutral housing at the College," said Shanker.

The main opposition to gender neutral housing is the concern about students having sex. Those opposed

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THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

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Future looks bright as do the students

In Kiplinger's April 2007 issue, Muhlenberg College was listed as number 34 on a list of 50 best values in private, liberal arts colleges across the country. Although this list also includes such unheard of schools like St. Olaf College (perhaps founded by Jim Carrey's wacky *Snicket's* Count character) and Grinnell College, we'd like to think that our College may be a little better known than those in Iowa and Minnesota. Yet, how many of us [or at least those from out of state] get the all too familiar line, "Muhlenberg, what?!" Ah, yes, the cost of smallness means that sometimes this hidden gem gets lost in the shadow of such larger names as Lehigh University and UPenn.

However, the tides are changing. Perspective students and involved parents are waking up to the truth that the College is indeed, a diamond in the rough, becoming more selective as we speak, thus making our diplomas a hell of a lot more valuable. Admission was given tough love earlier this year when the largest freshmen class ever decided to attend, yet look at the positive repercussions it's had. By no means are we suggesting the start of some weird see-saw, high-low, acceptance procedure, but we can't help but notice the positive affect it's had on the school. Yes, parking will be cramped, the dining halls were crowded and housing was a problem, but most of these dilemmas have been resolved and with it, we have a higher rate of applications with a lower rate of acceptance.

To that extent, we can be more selective in admitting students. We can't help but look around and notice that so many of the Student Body are involved on campus, making it a humming center of productiveness and constant movement. Daily, students are creating new organizations like CFC and MIRC that are trying to give back to the community and make others aware of what's going on in our world. EnAct, Colleges Against Cancer, Relay for Life, Habitat, Sexposure, Greek life, S.H.A.R.E., those who participate in Casa Guadalupe and Community Bike works, all contribute to the good rap the College is gaining.

We hope that those who come after us will continue our legacy of involvement and degree of initiative. With this new level of selectivity and growing popularity, we have to believe that the College will be gaining an even more determined, young class capable of great things to better the school and the surrounding community.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

This past Saturday evening, exotic music sounded throughout the GQ as students and a belly dancer moved to the beat and tasty Middle Eastern food was consumed.

March 31 was the second Middle Eastern extravaganza held this semester at the GQ. Lots of work went into last weekend's festival. In fact, "It took about 60 hours, [throughout] the whole week, to prepare all the food," said Sheyam, late night GQ manager.

The menu included homemade falafel, chicken shwarma, grape leaves and Middle Eastern pudding amongst a wide assortment of other ethnic foods.

With great enthusiasm, Sheyam announced to those in the GQ, "We see you when you are

*"We see you...when you
are here late at night
and hungry. We see you
and know your lives.*

*Now, we want you to get
to know our lives too."*

Sheyam, late night
GQ Manager

drunk, when you are eating chicken fingers and fries [and] when you are here late at night and hungry. We see you, and know your lives. Now, we want you to get to know our lives too."

Overall, it was a fantastic evening that gave the College a taste of another culture through music, dance and cuisine. We are, however, asking that the College strengthen their support for the GQ staff by allowing them to have similar programming more frequently. As a college community, we should increase our understanding of other cultures. Currently, on campus we can experience, firsthand, Middle Eastern culture from

many of the Sodexo workers.

It is time that the administration and students at Muhlenberg realize that the GQ staff are more than our food servers. If we let them, they can be our teachers also.

Matt Balaban '10 and Stephanie Siegel '09

Some good food for thought

Busting a cap in the gun law

By Nadine Goldman
WEEKLY OP/ED WRITER

Though it received little media attention, the ruling last month by the U.S. Court of the Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit striking down Washington D.C.'s stringent anti-gun law and upholding the Second Amendment right to bear arms was a landmark ruling, and ultimately, a victory for all.

There's the obvious benefit to residents of D.C. Despite having the toughest gun law around, which banned handguns registered after 1977 and forbid the few legal gun owners from carrying handguns in their homes, Washington, D.C. has a notoriously high crime rate. The number of murders and other gun-related crime in D.C. has increased from the time that the gun ban was enacted in 1976. Tom Palmer, a D.C. resident who was among the six people who went to court to challenge the city's 30-year old gun ban, was an assault victim himself and wants to keep a gun in his house for protection.

Not everyone thinks this is a good idea. Adrian Fenty, D.C. Mayor, claimed that this ruling "flies in the face of laws that have helped decrease gun violence in the District of Columbia" and D.C. Police Chief Charles Ramsey blamed lax gun

control in Virginia and Maryland for supplying criminals in D.C. with guns. But these claims just don't hold. D.C. follows the trend documented in a book by John R. Lott, Jr. called *More Guns, Less Crime*, which studied crime rates and gun uses in all 3,054 U.S. counties over 18 years; Lott found that states currently experiencing the largest drop in crime are the ones that have the least restrictive gun laws. This seems counter-intuitive at first, especially in light of what we've been told by the gun control advocates, but logically, it makes sense. Guns give law-abiding citizens the opportunity to defend themselves and simply put, an armed person is an unattractive target for a criminal assault. It explains why neighboring counties in Virginia and Maryland, with much fewer restrictions on gun ownership, experience far less gun violence than Washington D.C., which has some of the most restrictive policies in the country. We see this trend worldwide too, where the United Kingdom and Australia have the toughest gun ownership laws and the highest crime rates, with the UK off the charts at 58 offenses per 100 inhabitants each year.

But putting aside the victory for the residents of D.C., this ruling is also important as a victory

for the constitution. Courts, academic institutions and the press have tried for decades to frame the Second Amendment as outdated and irrelevant, as something that should be done away with entirely. Many have tried to suggest that the Second Amendment only applies to militias, not individuals (as though the rest of the constitution doesn't apply to individuals?). Judge Karen Henderson, dissenting judge on this recent repeal, actually wrote that the Second Amendment doesn't apply in this case because Washington D.C. is not a state. Does this mean that the First, Third, Fourth, Fifth and the rest of the Bill of Rights do not apply to D.C. either? The real victory of this ruling is that the right to own a gun is a constitutional right. Yes, the Constitution was designed to be amended. However, the notion of the Constitution as a "living Constitution" that jurists can reinterpret to suit their political leanings completely undermines the basic freedoms the Constitution was guaranteed to protect.

The city of Washington D.C. has already made plans to appeal this decision. Let's hope that in the interest of crime statistics and constitutional integrity, the March 9th repeal of the D.C. handgun law is upheld.

The glory and the reality of war



World News & Politics

Joe Caporoso
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

War is a complicated matter. As a nation, we are constantly being reminded of this harsh reality. As debates in both houses of Congress rage on to decide how to handle the upcoming years in Iraq, President Bush pushes for America to stay the course, and a host of Presidential candidates for 2008 articulate their

Yet, if we cut our ties tomorrow and just walk out of Iraq, it probably becomes the next Afghanistan.

viewpoints on the topic. Outside of the politicians, citizens constantly debate on what should be our next move. Families of those troops overseas worry and pray for the safety of their loved ones.

War starts out so seemingly simple. Something bad happens and then an angry nation rallies behind its flag and

leader to take care of business. Protests fall onto deaf ears and a frenzied rush of support floods into whatever our President suggests. The unity present in our country is something of which to be proud. No nation could ever survive without patriotism. Yet, over the course of time, unless the cause for war is just and is executed in the most effective manner possible, the reality of its associated complications set in.

Hindsight is always 20/20, but in the case of the war in Iraq, there should have been some early indicators of problems we would face. Overthrowing Sadaam Hussein and taking over Baghdad were celebrated as

"mission accomplished," vindicating the decision to invade Iraq. Yet, this should have been expected. Iraq is a third-world country, and it should not have surprised anyone that the most powerful country in the world could overpower its military and track down its leader. Nevermind the question of why we were invading Iraq, since they weren't responsible for the war's rallying cry, September 11th; they never possessed any weapons that were any threat to us either.

So, we topple Iraq's standing government, which is a very uncomplicated thing to do. What do you do, however, with the mess after you break something? That is where complications set in, and why we have found ourselves between a rock and a hard place. No exit strategy and no understanding of the infrastructure of Iraq make leaving awfully hard.

The recent four-year anniversary of the war marks a good time to reflect on the many ways to look at this conflict. You protest the war because you want to see peace and our troops brought home safely. Yet, if we cut our ties tomorrow and just walk out of Iraq, it will probably turn into the next Afghanistan. You support President Bush and believe we need to stay the course. Yet, staying the course in Iraq most likely means we need to have troops present for another decade or so. How many Americans are going to die so a third-world Middle Eastern country can have a stable government? The best solution lies somewhere in the middle of these two positions. Finding that middle ground is precisely what the 2008 Presidential Election is going to come down to.

As a country, it is a rough spot to be in. Dedicating our resources to war that had questionable motives and now may have even more questionable results is a costly task. The complications of war are always going to be present. Exercising patience and judgment before engaging in conflict is the best method to keeping these complications to a minimum.



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Wind-ow of opportunity shut by Kennedy's own hot air

By Amy Cohen
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energy off of Cape Cod in Massachusetts. Naturally, however, all good things come with extreme opposition. This time, the opposing force is the state's Senior Democratic Senator, Edward Kennedy.

The Cape Wind Project would construct a wind farm six miles offshore from Cape Cod in the Nantucket Sound. The farm would consist of 130 turbines, each 440 feet high, which look like huge windmills. The project stands to be completed by 2010. If constructed, the turbines would supply almost 80% of the power to Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard and Cape Cod. It would also reduce carbon emissions equivalent to taking 175,000 cars off of the road each year. Also, the project would be in compliance with all of Massachusetts's state environmental and maritime laws.

Currently, there are no wind farms in American waters, but there are proposals to build them in Texas, New Jersey, Delaware and numerous other coastal states. Interest in this clean power source came about when the global community saw its positive impact in countries like Denmark. The Cape Wind project, if completed, would set an important precedent for the nation in terms of taking steps to enact renewable energy sources that would, as a result, lessen the need for energy dependence on more polluting sources such as gasoline and coal.

The extreme opposition to this program comes from an unlikely source. Senator Edward Kennedy (of the Kennedy family) resides on one of the

Finally, there is a new proposal that not only cuts energy costs but also keeps the environment clean, too. It comes in the form of wind

closest shores in Cape Cod to this would-be environmental energy project. He claims that if built, he'd be able to see the turbines, which are six miles off shore, from his back porch and claims that they would essentially create an eye sore. Basically, he's vetoed the program on the basis that he doesn't want the turbines in his backyard.

Ironically, Senator Kennedy has declared numerous times in his platform

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that he is a huge proponent of achieving energy independence and protecting the environment. In fact, this cause is one of seven major issues on his political agenda, as stated on the home page of the Senator's website. Kennedy's camp has attempted to ensure his constituents that his opposition to the program lies not with its aesthetic misgivings, but instead with the safety, economic, maritime and environmental hazards the wind farm would bring. Local republicans have thrown their support behind Kennedy, saying that in addition to environmental con-

cerns, the project would also receive enormous amounts of money in the form of federal subsidies and interfere with aircraft radar.

Though it is admirable that the people of Massachusetts have elected such an environmentally conscious senator, Kennedy has been extremely hypocritical. Unfortunately, when push comes to shove, Kennedy seems to favor his own personal interests and expensive scenic views over the well-being of his constituents in terms of environmental and energy policy. In order to have effective congressmen, we need to be able to elect a senator who is responsible to his constituents in the form of turning his platform into policy.

Osama O'Donnell brings terror to your TV set

By Kyle Miller
WEEKLY OP/ED WRITER

Royal Navy members, one television host compared it to escalation in the Vietnam War, asking members to "Google the Gulf of Tonkin." This person was the daytime TV host, 'Rampage Rosie,' of the ABC show "The View." In characteristic fashion, Rosie O'Donnell strategically bullied her radical opinion onto the show, without room for discussion. However, despite her possible objection, it is actually important to examine and question what she states as impermeable truths.

Again, remaining in character, O'Donnell is bombastically inaccurate in her comparison of the hostage situation to the Gulf of Tonkin incident. While the British remain in control of handling the serious situation diplomatically, the insinuation of an escalation is completely absurd and unrealistic. According to O'Donnell, the capture of the 15 British soldiers by Iran, was enabled, if not staged or fabricated, by the United States or the United Kingdom, for the purpose of expanding the war in Iraq to include Iran. The Gulf of Tonkin incident, an alleged attack on U.S. vessels by the North Vietnamese, was used by President Johnson as a reason to expand the war in Vietnam. O'Donnell's insinuating comparison is insulting to the individuals who are involved in this crisis. Her remarks are inflammatory, unnecessary and unwelcome.

Unfortunately, this type of inaccuracy and radical behavior is not a rare occurrence. Rosie O'Donnell's liberal radicalism permeates television, even when one doesn't tune into her rants on the "The View." Frequently, her far left liberal escapades are broadcast to millions of viewers, not only tuning into the show but also in clips constantly shown on news networks, nightly news programs and late night television. Among other rad-

ical statements, O'Donnell has also gone so far as to imply that 9/11 was the fault of Americans and was a grand conspiracy. She was quoted as saying, "Don't fear the terrorists. They're mothers and fathers." Let's flashback to reality where terrorists are those who attacked our nation in 2001, bomb embassies, blow up planes, cars, buses and themselves, despite the fact they may be killing innocent people including children, mothers and fathers. It appears that in her perception, America is the enemy and the terrorist, a long lost friend. There is no question that Rosie O'Donnell is a terrorist sympathizer, and would like to see America lose the War on Terror at home and abroad.

Among other harmful blather, O'Donnell has expounded on the illegitimacy of the War in Iraq and Afghanistan, bringing into question the tremendous sacrifice that our troops have made in defense of our nation. The outrageous remarks of radical O'Donnell remain un-refuted on her show, despite the nature of "The View," which is to include various opinions, not just one. The only means to stop the broadcasting of pervasive radical ideas are to turn off "The View." Perhaps then the American Broadcasting Company (ABC) would realize that she's hurting business and would boot her from the show. Until the viewers of this program realize the nonsense and ignorance to which they are subjected in the disguise of entertainment, the rest of the world will be subjected to O'Donnell's political grandstanding. Hopefully, this realization will occur, because it's time to end Rosie's TV terror.

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DZ Pancake Hop and Phi Sig Rock-A-Thon



Photo courtesy of Liz Faughnan

Delta Zeta held their annual Pancake Hop on March 23rd in The Red Door. Students paid just a few dollars at the door for unlimited pancakes all night. Delta Zeta raised over \$1,100 for Sound Beginnings and Starkey Hearing Foundation. Liz Faughnan '08, Philanthropy Chair, who also organized the event, said, "We are really excited about how well the event went. We had a great turnout and our goal was to raise a thousand dollars so, since we surpassed that, I consider the event a definite success."

Phi Sigma Sigma held their annual Rock-A-Thon to raise money for the National Kidney Foundation. Members of the sorority rocked in rocking chairs for 24 hours. There was also a silent auction, student bands/performers and prizes throughout the day. Dani Miller '09, Philanthropy Chair, who also organized the event, said, "I think that Rock-a-thon was extremely rewarding! We raised over \$1,500 that will benefit the National Kidney Foundation. I think the silent auction and the student performers made the event more fun. We're hoping that it's even more successful next year!"



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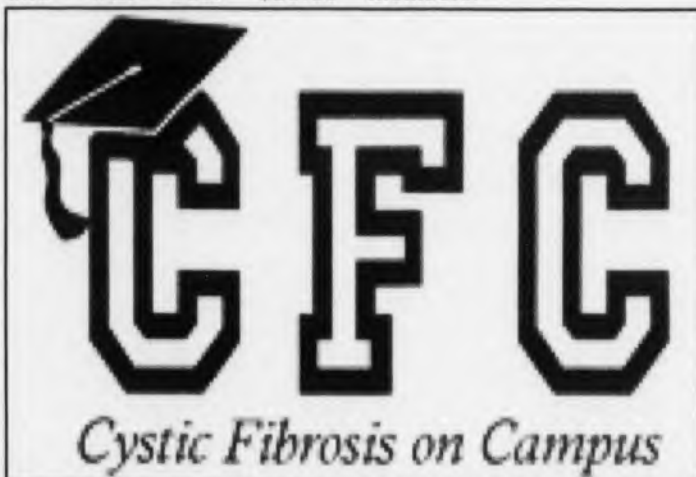
money for a cure," said Sones about the new club. Thus far, CFC has started a website <http://www.cfon-campus.org>, and they are currently selling CF on Campus wristbands for \$2.00 each. CFC has also started a Printer Cartridge

"CF is the most common genetic disease yet, most college students don't know about it."

Jordon Sones '10

Recycling Program. Boxes have been placed around many of the dorms where students can trash their empty inkjet and laser ink cartridges so that CFC can send them away to be recycled and receive checks in return. All proceeds go towards future CFC events and CF research through the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. A benefit dinner has been planned for April 21. It is open to the campus and surrounding communities and will cost \$20.00

per plate. The club was officially recognized at the College in February and has approximately 50 members. Armenti has also created a Facebook group, "Cystic Fibrosis on Campus," which currently has over 280 members.



Armenti '10 and Sones '10 create the logo for the organization, Cystic Fibrosis on Campus.

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to the proposal often argue that gender neutral housing would increase sexual activity on campus and it could become problematic when couples living together break up. Otherwise, there are very few arguments against the idea. Shanker responds, "The reality of the fact is, is that this is about safety, not sex. Students who are sexually active will have sex whether or not they share the same room. Additionally, such assumptions are heterosexist in nature and assume that the only 'couples' on campus are heterosexual."

Many other colleges and universities across the country have begun to offer some sort of gender neutral housing option. Very few schools had any sort of gender neutral or co-ed liv-

ing options until very recently. As of March 2007, 82 colleges and universities in the U.S. have some option available for students, such as Duke University, Swarthmore College, Wesleyan University, Yale University and Oberlin College. Some schools have different terms for their policies, such as "co-ed," "all-gender" and "gender blind." Shanker believes that "gender neutral" is the best term to use at the College because it places all students at the same starting line and does not refer to a binary gender system.

According to Shanker, "The administration has been very supportive thus far and is taking the proposal seriously. The process is moving forward, and they are working hard to find the best solution for the College."

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Big For A Day



Kids from after school programs in inner-city Allentown came to the College campus on March 21st and 28th and teamed up with students from the College to compete in a scavenger hunt for the annual event, Big For A Day, sponsored by the Community Service Office. Since College students usually visit the kids in their surroundings, the kids came to have some fun while exploring life at the College. Val Lane, Director of Community Service said, "The students coordinating Big for a Day did a great job and the community kids really had a good time on the scavenger hunt. It was fun to hear them describing the Polar bear and Victors Lament."

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International Relations Council travels to New York City to participate in Model UN

By Eirinn Disbrow
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Two weeks ago the student organization, Muhlenberg International Relations Council, traveled to New York City to participate in a Model United Nations Conference. Model UN Conferences are imitations of UN General Assembly sessions and are attended by 60,000 college students worldwide each year. Students are first assigned to a country and then they debate and discuss specific political issues.

This was the first time the College's International Relations Council attended one of these conferences. The Council, which was started last semester by Meghan Courtney '07, Libby Hill '07, Katherine Hesselink-Hicks '07 and Brian Galgano '08, has already been a very active political organization on campus. They have participated in Poverty Awareness Week and are also planning a conference to discuss the politics of Iraq.

Members of the Council wanted to participate in Model UN to become more involved with Model United Nations and to have a clearer understanding of the UN's structure and internal rules. They applied last October and were given the country of Somalia. Galgano explains, "Throughout the spring semester our group met

"The conference was an amazing experience and it provided us with an excellent sense of how to prepare for next year."

Brian Galgano '08

Despite the frequent meetings and discussions, he felt slightly unprepared during the conference. Galgano says, "This is the first time any of us had ever competed in Model UN on a collegiate level. However, the conference was an amazing experience, and it provided us with an excellent sense of how to prepare for next year."

Students from all over the United States and different countries around the world attended the conference at

the Sheraton Towers in Times Square. Each of the nine members of the College's United Nations Conference were paired up and placed on various committees such as the General Assembly Plenary, General Assembly 4th, World Health Organization and African Development Bank. After the debate, members attended a closing ceremony in General Assembly Hall at the UN building.

The International Relations Council is very grateful to have participated in such an exceptional experience. "We thank Student Council for their support in sending us to this prestigious conference and hope that it is something our club will continue to attend," says Galgano. The council hopes to attend a Model UN Conference in the fall and then again next spring. Anyone interested in attending a Model UN conference can easily join and participate in the College's International Relations Council. "We welcome the attendance of any students at our meetings and look forward to seeing new faces," says Galgano. The International Relations

Council is an excellent venue for students to discuss world issues and hear students' differing points of view. The Council has many

plans to continue its UN involvement and hopefully add to a big part of the political life here on campus.



Members of the Muhlenberg International Relations Council represented Somalia at a Model UN Conference at the United Nations.

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Campus Safety Notes

Mar. 28 - Vandalism to Vehicle - A student reported that someone put two student election signs on the window of his car.

Mar. 28 - Injured Student - A student reported that she fell at 429 North 23rd Street and had scrapes and a bruise. She was not transported to the hospital.

Mar. 29 - Larceny/Theft - An eight-foot wooden table valued at \$120 was stolen from Parent's Plaza.

Mar. 29 - Larceny/Theft - An iPod with headphones was stolen out of a student's locker in the Life Sports Center.

Mar. 30 - Vehicle Violation - An outside contractor parked his white Mazda SUV illegally in the Faculty/Staff parking lot. The owner of the vehicle has five unpaid tickets for a total of \$250.

Mar. 30 - Harassment - A student reported being harassed by another student. This matter is being referred to the Judicial Process.

Mar. 30 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to steam from the shower in the bath area in room 303 at 2201 Chew Street.

Mar. 30 - Suspicious Person

- A student reported seeing an Asian male in his thirties seven or eight times on campus a few days earlier. The individual was walking around Seegers Union, was in the C level of the Trexler Library, and was in the parking lot area of the Hillcrest House.

Apr. 2 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to dust in the air on the third floor of Shankweiler.

Apr. 2 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to a dusty detector on the fourth floor of Walz Hall. The detector was replaced.

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A cappella Fest harmonizing for charity

By Sarah Sansolo
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

On Sat. March 31, students gathered in Memorial Hall to raise money for the Allentown School District's Music Departments and to cheer on their favorite a cappella groups in the annual Acappellafest. All six of the College's a cappella groups performed, and they were joined by visiting groups from Rutgers University and University of Connecticut. The music fest was organized by 'Berg Organization of Musicians (B.O.O.M.).

Noteworthy, the a cappella group

that specializes in Broadway show-tunes, kicked off the concert with a mixture of old favorites and new songs. Their performance of "The Gods Love Nubia," always one of their strongest numbers, was excellent, as was their new rendition of "Uptown Girl."

The Acafellas took the stage next and, after presenting a brand new song, decided to lighten the mood with "Sometimes I Get Lucky," their Britney Spears medley, and their relatively new and very funny version of "Sexyback."

InAcchord, one of the newest a cappella groups, showed just how

much they have grown over the past year with a full set of songs loved by the College audience. "Chasing Cars," "Such Great Heights" and "Push" were only a few of the numbers they selected for Acappellafest and were very well received.

The Girls Next Door premiered a selection of new and recent songs that are constantly played on the radio. Their upbeat performance included "The Sweet Escape" and "Black Horse and the Cherry Tree."

The Chaimonics, the female Jewish a cappella group, performed a few of their favorites--"Salam" and "Yachad" in Hebrew, as well as

"Why Do Fools Fall in Love?" Like many of the other groups, they also introduced a few new songs, including an Israeli pop song.

The Dynamics were the last performers, beginning their set with "Chicago" and singing a handful of new and old songs before ending with the crowd-pleasing "Come On Eileen," receiving a great response from the audience as soon as they began.

Once the College's a cappella groups were finished, the Orphan Sporks, the visiting group from

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Ben Folds performs at the 'Berg



Ben Folds performed for the College, Sun. March 25 in Memorial Hall. The Hall was packed with an overwhelming amount of excited students who all sang along and enjoyed the set Ben Folds played for them. The crowd favorites included, "Rock this Bitch," "Gone" and a cover of Postal Service's "Such Great Heights."

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Are YOU the next Lily Hatfield?

By Lily Hatfield
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNIST

Obi Wan Kenobi had Luke Skywalker. Meryl Streep had Anne Hathaway. Regular Coke had Coke Zero. What do these unusual pairings have in common? The first name was the master, the teacher, the one who came first and started it all. The latter is the successor, the one who will carry the hopes and dreams of the master and the people once the master is gone.

Over the last two years, I have been writing about my various exploits and adventures as a (for the better part of that time) single woman trying to find love or at least a body to lie next to on this campus. I have enjoyed my time as your sexual guru, and I hope that I have made you laugh, cry and maybe, just maybe, think about who you are about get naked with.

As I graduate in May, I realize that now I must find a replacement. While I accept that no one will ever replace me, someone can at least attempt to fill the void

and entertain the College campus with new sexual escapades, advice and shenanigans.

Who is this person? Who could fill my Chanel ballet slippers? Maybe it can be you!

Some recommendations from me about who should fill the position after I leave:

1. I admit that my column is seriously lacking in testosterone-themed topics, so I would love to get some male influence into the mix.

I am sure there are guys out there who would have a lot to offer to the College community in terms of sexual advice, stories and their own personal point of view.

2. You have to be ready and willing to put yourself out there. I have been called names, challenged and even reprimanded for things I have said in my articles.

A new writer needs to understand that as a member of the press, while you have the right to write any-

thing you like, your readers have the right to comment and criticize, constructively or not. Do not take this personally, but be prepared to listen to your readers and take their comments without taking them the wrong way.

3. Watch yourself. While a column about sex and relationships that will be read by students all over campus may seem like the best place to vent your frustrations about your ex, know that many people will be reading what you say.

From personal experience, don't write about the anatomical dimensions of your sexual partners, no matter how small, crooked or unsightly they may be.

Also, keep in mind that your professors will also be reading the column, and you need to be prepared for Dr. Rudski telling your entire Learning and Behavior class about what he read that day, and then asking you to go into detail about what exactly a "shady penis" is.

4. Have no shame. I cer-

tainly don't. I don't care what people think about me as long as they get a laugh or two from my column. I believe that making people laugh is one of the greatest gifts I have been given with the opportunity to write my column for the past two years. I like to joke around and be silly. I have made fun of others in the past, but I also know how to poke fun at myself. I have learned and grown from my experiences. I wanted to share them with others.

So, if you think you have what it takes to be the next sex columnist, send me an example of a column that you would write for the paper. Please don't make it more than one page in length...I'm a senior, I don't have the energy to read anything longer than a page anyway.

Be creative, have fun and show me why YOU should be my successor! Send me your very best article entries to LH230623@muhlenberg.edu or mailbox #1212.

And as always, remember to stay safe, stay sexy Muhlenberg!

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK: WHAT'S THE BEST THING SINCE SLICED BREAD?



"Chocolate chip cookie dough ice cream."

- Laura Sansosti '09



"Butterfingers."

- Nathan Renner-Johnson '10



"The dishwasher."

- Janet Saunders '08 & Lisa Sacca '08



"Matzoh."

- Alan Goldberg '09



"I really like dinosaurs."

- Marcus Mathieson '07

Compiled by Kim Nguyen

AMC Weekend Listings



Firehouse Dog

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Are We Done Yet?

Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

The Reaping

Fri. 4:50, 7:50, 10:10
Sat. 4:50, 7:50, 10:10
Sun. 1:50, 7:50, 7:50

Meet the Robinsons

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 9:30
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 9:30
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

Wild Hogs

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Grindhouse

Fri. 12:00, 4:00, 8:00
Sat. 12:00, 4:00, 8:00
Sun. 12:00, 4:00, 8:00

Blades of Glory

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 9:50
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 9:50
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

TMNT

Fri. 12:45, 2:45, 4:45
Sat. 12:45, 2:45, 4:45
Sun. 12:45, 2:45, 4:45

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Rutgers, proved to be a powerhouse as they performed a medley of No Doubt songs, a rap number and a selection of other songs.

The University of Connecticut's group, aptly named the Conn-Men took the stage last.

While they were by far the smallest group in the concert, they still managed to perform wonderfully.

They reprised the earlier

InAcchord performance of "Such Great Heights" in addition to other songs that hadn't been heard yet.

The performers were fantastic, but the long breaks between each group made the concert drag out for four hours. Students were getting restless, and the constant leaving and entering of various groups did prove to be distracting at times, both to the audience and the performers.

With the visiting groups performing at the very end, they had a diminished crowd compared to the College's own groups

However, a surprising number of students endured

The Dynamics were the last performers, beginning their set with "Chicago" and singing a handful of new and old songs before ending with the crowd-pleasing "Come on Eileen."

the uncomfortable gym floor and waited until the end of the concert to support the Orphan Sporks and Conn-Men. It was disappointing to see the other schools hav-

ing to perform to less students, so perhaps next year they will not be given the closing time slots in the festival.

It was wonderful to see so many students coming out to support the growing number of a cappella groups and donating money through ticket sales, concessions and raffle tickets, but the concert will hopefully run more smoothly and quickly next year.

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Six Meters: taking movement to new heights

By Meredith Clinton
ASST. LIFE! EDITOR

Six Meters is an improvisational group on campus that promotes improvisation as an art form through performing at various schools, nursing homes, in Philadelphia and various locations on the College campus.

This part of their improvisational concert series was held in The Chapel on Sat., March 31. The Chapel was illuminated only by candlelight as the performers entranced the audience with their unique choreography. The first part of the performance, "Enter," consisted of the performers dancing in the pews as Susan Creitz, Director, played upon a drum and sang.

The way in which the dancers used the pews and archways as devices in their movements was both creative and enthusiastic. Throughout the entire first half, the dancers never left the pews as the audience watched from the opposite end of the chapel.

As the first half progressed in movement, so did the singing and

drum playing, which only added to the dynamic performance. That section of the performance came to an end once some of the performers had reached the front of the pews, and had officially entered the chapel.

Between the two sections of the performance, the performers rearranged the candles and brought them closer to the audience where the second half of the show, "Free," would be carried out.

The space and atmosphere of the chapel gave the entire show a spiritual feeling with which everyone could connect. The second half of the show consisted of members of the group reading excerpts out loud while others performed movements either as a response to the reading or while the reading was taking place.

Both the readings and the performances reflected upon the idea of

being "freed" from something in one way or another.

The end of the second half culminated in the members being freed from the candles that seemed to be commanding the show. They splashed water onto each other and blew out all of the candles.

"...we have had people watch before, but in past years, people have simply watched and moved on. This year, they watched and moved with, rather than away."

Theo Rutherford '08

In response to the Sat. performance, Meaghan Meehan '09, said "Primarily, I am a dancer and I am insecure about using my voice in a performance. The great thing about the Six Meters group is that the people in it all make me feel comfortable when using my voice for the sound scapes in the Chapel performance."

The ten talented members of the group, Kate Alford '08, Maggie Brennan '09, Amie Lytle '07, Meaghan Meehan '09, Tori Puff '08, Kristen Rastelli '07, Josh Rosenblum '09, Theo Rutherford '08, Christopher Scheer '07 and Olivia Wingerath '09 were

off to the Brooklyn Bridge the day after this performance to dance across the entire length of the bridge. Creitz gave this annual tradition an estimated time of one hour and twenty seven minutes to be completed.

Theo Rutherford '08 said, in regards to this performance, "I think one of the best things that happened yesterday was, even though it was cold and started to rain, we actually had people who joined in."

We had several people stop along the bridge and watch, as well as several people, including a whole family, join in with our movement. We have had people watch before, but in past years, people have simply watched and moved on. This year, they watched and moved with, rather than away."

Six Meters next performs on campus on April 11 at 9:00 p.m. in The Red Door. This performance will not echo any previous ones because no two performances are alike. So, be prepared to look at the body and its abilities in a new way from this dynamic and unique ensemble.

The first annual Muhlenberg Gospel Choir Conference



On Sat. March 31, Dean Green and her fellow singers hosted the first annual Gospel Choir Conference in the Emple Theater. Featuring inspirational and soulful Gospel sounds, the Choir filled the theater with energy and praise. Students, faculty and members of the Allentown community joined in an evening of celebration and music.

Sareve Lawson said, "The gospel workshop experience this past weekend was a true testament of the favor of G-d for rejoice this year. We have had the opportunity to be a blessing to the campus and hopefully, next year will exceed our expectations yet again."

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Mules pick up Conference win

By Brandon Mefford
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

After being on a winter snow delay, the Softball Team finally took the field on March 24, nearly 15 days after their last game in Florida. They took on the Cortland Red Dragons. The girls looked a little rusty losing both games 9-2, 7-0. Sophomores RiRi Ferrigino and Sam Crist batted in the only runs of the games. Crist said, "The long break definitely affected us because we got into practice mode, and any momentum we gained in Florida was disrupted."

Three days later, the Mules played The College of New Jersey (TCNJ). The Softball Team hasn't been too successful playing TCNJ, having an overall record of 0-26 against them, but they were hoping to get that first win. The first game looked the same as the Mules lost 5-1 with Ferrigino driving in the only run. The second game started to look bad too when the Lions hit a three-run homer. The Mules rallied in the second inning when sophomore Lara Kestenbaum singled in a run, and then senior Hilary Marinchak hit a bases clearing triple to put the Mules up 4-3. Sophomore Michelle Consiglio batted in another run to make it 5-3. The game looked bright until the last inning when the Lions batted in four runs to win the game 8-5.

Putting the losses behind them, the Mules headed into Conference play when they faced Gettysburg College last Saturday. The Mules quickly dropped into a 4-0 hole going into the bottom of the 6th inning, when Crist stepped up to the plate with Marinchak on first and senior Katie Olson on second. Crist cracked one over the left field fence for her first career homerun to bring the Mules back 4-3. Ferrigino singled in the bottom of the 7th to send the game into extra innings. Unfortunately, the Bullets scored twice in the top of the 8th to win the game, but the late comeback sparked the Mules for the second game. The team was down 3-2 going into the 4th inning and that was when the show was put on. With patient batting, drawing walks and swinging at the right pitches, the Mules tallied seven runs and never looked back. Ferrigino and Crist batted in three and two runs respectively while freshman Alexa DeMiglio added two more with a triple. Junior pitcher Katie Vecchione helped her own cause, batting in a run as well. Kestenbaum picked up the save and the Mules picked up their first Conference victory.

Sam Crist was also named Player of the Week in the Centennial Conference. The outfielder hit .636 with three doubles, a home run, four runs scored and five RBI in four games last week. She also had a 1.182 slugging percentage and a .714 on-base percentage. When asked about the hitting streak, Crist stated, "I actually can't explain it. I'm just in the zone. I was frustrated with our performance recently and I focused that energy into practice and more importantly my game"

The Mules' (4-11, 1-1) next home game is Thurs., April 12 versus Cabrini.



Sophomore Samantha Crist is a huge offensive threat for the Mules and was named Centennial Conference Player of the Week.

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reinstated as a varsity sport four years ago. Junior Tim Dwyre also contributed defensively by picking up six ground balls, and sophomore John DeLuca added five ground balls of his own.

After five straight road games to begin the season, the Mules prepared for a tough home opener against seventh-ranked Gettysburg on Sat., March 24. The Mules barely avoided a shutout, thanks to the Bullets' goalie who is ranked first in Division III. But Muhlenberg's goalie provided some offense, earning a rare assist on the lone goal by Farris. Gettysburg took the victory, 11-1.

Next up was Haverford on Wed., March 28. The Mules once again faced tough competition; as the Fords are ranked 16th in Division III. The game was tight as the Mules stuck with the Fords, tying the game up with just 12:24 left, but they were unable to clinch the win and ended up with their second straight loss, 7-5. The Mules even outshot the Fords 28-18, but it was not enough. Farris had another strong game, netting four goals, as senior Kyle Hart grabbed five ground balls.

Three days later on Sat., March 31, the Men's Lacrosse Team headed to Swarthmore looking to snap their losing-streak at two games. The Mules came out sharing the goals, as several players found the back of the net. Dwyre scored his first goal of the season, and sophomore Andrew Lolley added two more. Toohill continued to impress with five points, including his fourth hat trick of the season.

Defensively, Hart picked up seven ground balls to make him the program's all-time leader with 163 career ground balls. The Mules took the victory 9-6 and are back on track. The win against Swarthmore was their first Conference victory of the season, and hopefully, the first of many.

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Hiller, who again completed the hat trick. Morrongiello also tallied two goals. Next up was Kean on Tues., March 27, and the Mules were ready to get back to their winning ways. Muhlenberg had a solid first half, ending it with a 9-1 run to put the win well within reach as they headed into the break with a daunting 13-5 lead. The second half played out smoothly and the Mules coasted to victory, winning by a final score of 21-8. It was the tenth time in the College's history that they were able to reach the 20-goal mark. Reimann scored a career-high five goals and also added three assists, giving her a total of eight points, also a career-high. Reimann became the 12th player in team history to reach 100 points with 105. She has 60 goals and ranks third on the all-time list with 45 assists. Also contributing offensively were Hiller, who notched her fourth straight hat trick, and Morrongiello who scored four goals of her own. Freshman Danielle Scarrone and junior Taylor Armstrong also scored three goals apiece.

Finally, the Mules battled Haverford on Fri., March 30, and were able to snatch their first Centennial Conference win. The Mules held the Fords to a single goal in the first half as they went on to win the game 16-5. Haverford made a run at the Mules in the second half, but were unable to sustain the pressure. Hiller totaled four goals, as did freshman Amanda McGovern, who added two assists to give her a career-high six points. Defensively, senior Kelli Sakonchick grabbed four ground balls and caused four turnovers while Armstrong also picked up four ground balls.

So far, Women's Lacrosse has looked strong and confident. Their six-game winning streak may have ended, but their knack to bounce back has left them with a solid start to the season that promises to continue to excite.

This was no "Miracle on Ice"

By Chris Frusci
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

It was a memorable season for the 2006-2007 Muhlenberg Ice Hockey Club Team as they went on to accomplish something that has not been done by the Mules since their program underwent restructuring in 2001--winning the club Ice Hockey Championship.

The program has been restructured in the past several years, such as upgrading from the Division III level to the Division II level last season and changing from the Delaware Valley Collegiate Hockey Conference to the Great Northeast Collegiate Hockey Conference this season. Although the competition has been getting stiffer, so have the Mules. Their record has improved each season for the last three years. They completed the '06-'07 season with their best Conference mark yet at 11-3-0 and an overall team record of 12-5-0.

Despite a slow start with a record of 3-5, the Mules came on strong toward the middle of the season and never looked back, winning their last nine games in a row including the playoffs. When asked what brought the team together to turn the season around and embark on this incredible streak, Head Coach Darryl Arnold replied, "This exact turnaround happened to us last year and it was because of a simple goalie change, but this year's turnaround was mostly because we finally got our full team back and everyone was healthy." Coach Arnold was referring to four players who missed the first half of the season due to fall sports and injuries, including Team Captain Peter Palomaki. Their streak of nine wins began with an 8-7 win at Millersville on Dec. 9th.

The team was led by the lone senior, two-time Captain Peter Palomaki, and two-time Assistant Captain, junior Brian Veltkamp. Veltkamp led the entire Conference in scoring for the second time in three years with 58 points. Palomaki finished his four-year career with 140 points (76 goals, 64 assists). Although these two were amongst the highest on the team in point scoring, players such as sophomore forward Geoff Kelleman and freshman goalie Dave Emerson had major impacts as well.

"Dave stepped up and helped us win some big games this season and to be able to do that as a freshman, he instilled a lot of confidence in the team and the coaches," said Veltkamp. There were a total of seven freshmen on this year's team, all of whom made an impact at some point. "This is extremely crucial for future success," said Coach Arnold. "The potential for next year is fantastic because of the talent that will be returning."

Despite the promise for next season, Coach Arnold and his wife Candice, who is the Assistant Coach, won't be able to partake in future Muhlenberg Hockey success as they will be taking their hockey coaching abilities else-

where. Darryl, who graduated from Muhlenberg in 1998 and helped turn the program around, will be coaching the "East Coast Selects '93" team in Stockholm, Sweden starting in April. This team consists of the top 14 year-olds in the United States and Canada and is run by hockey legend Gordie Howe. As for Candice, she has recently been hired to build a North American Selects Team for girls.

Muhlenberg plays their home games at The Rink at Lehigh Valley located in Whitehall. They defended their home ice like a home team should, as the Mules were an impressive 6-2 at The Rink. "I think we just felt more comfortable at home where our fans gave us great support," said the three-year Mules veteran, Veltkamp.

The teams in the GNCHC that Muhlenberg competes against are Scranton, The College of New Jersey, Rowan, Franklin & Marshall, Millersville and LaSalle. Scranton has been the powerhouse in the Conference the last two seasons, finishing in first place both years at regular seasons' end. This includes them taking home the title last season. This season, Scranton lost in the semi-finals to Rowan while Muhlenberg went on to defeat TCNJ 5-1 in the semi-finals and had just enough to get past Rowan in the championship, defeating them 7-6.

This championship was no "miracle on ice" however, as the Mules believed they had the talent and great momentum heading into the playoffs. "We believed in our team, and this was our goal heading into the second half of our season," said Coach Arnold. Not only did the Mules accomplish their goal, but they did it in dramatic fashion.

The championship game was tied 5-5 with eight minutes left in regulation until freshman Mike Sullivan scored and put the Mules up by one. An ensuing penalty on Rowan allowed Muhlenberg to capitalize on the power play and go ahead by two. Rowan was able to cut the lead back to one but excellent defense and goal play by freshman Dave Emerson put a halt to what would be Rowan's dramatic comeback. Palomaki tallied up a hat trick in what was his final game as a Mule.

The team is currently in the process of finding successors to coaches Darryl and Candice Arnold. According to Coach Darryl Arnold, "Whoever does get the job next season will have a great group of guys to work with." And it is the guys who make it possible, as the school does not fund the team completely due to its club status. Muhlenberg happens to have the lowest funded team in their conference. It costs \$25,000 for the program and Muhlenberg only gives \$3,000 towards the program, so a lot of money has to come from the pockets of the players. The team came together and made their Championship season possible.

Women's Lacrosse no longer undefeated

By Victoria Davis
SPORTS EDITOR

Women's Lacrosse has had an unbelievable start to their new season. A string of wins has made them the team to watch. On Wed., March 21, the Mules took on Dickinson in their Centennial Conference opener. Coming off a school-record six-game winning streak, the Mules were pretty confident in their chances to defeat the nationally-ranked Red Devils. Unfortunately, their perfect season ended when Dickinson came out victorious with a decisive 18-7 win. Sophomore Sara Hiller led Muhlenberg with a hat trick while sophomore goalie Caroline Shadood made a season-high 16 saves. Senior Katie Reimann also contributed two goals.

Putting their first loss behind them, Women's Lacrosse traveled to Ursinus to play the Bears on Sat., March 24. The Mules kept the game close throughout, but were unable to secure their first Centennial Conference victory for the new season. Ursinus took the game, 13-8, but a bright spot was provided by sophomore Ruth Morrongiello when she recorded her 50th career goal. Also providing offense was

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Sophomore Ruth Morrongiello scored her 50th career goal against Ursinus.

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Gators survive the Herculean effort of Oden, repeat as National Champs

By Zack Gugenheim
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

For the first time in 15 years, College Basketball crowned a champion for a second consecutive year. The Florida Gators, who also became the first team to have its entire starting five win consecutive titles, outlasted the mighty Buckeyes 84-75, despite an amazing night by super-frosh Greg Oden. The big center was about the only bright spot for the Buckeyes, as he contributed 25 points, 12 rebounds, four blocked shots and one assist in 38 minutes of play, completely dominating the frontcourt of the Gators, and getting them all (Al Horford, Joakim Noah and Chris Richards) in foul trouble. Beyond Oden and minor contributions by point-guard Mike Conley Jr., the Buckeyes were offensively-challenged. The Buckeyes perimeter shooting was awful, as they shot only 4 of 23 from three-point land. The Gators, on the other hand, were deadly from the arc, hitting 10 of 18, including 3 of 3 by Taurean Green, and 4 of 7 by shooting specialist Lee Humphrey. Ultimately, the barrage of three-pointers buried the Buckeyes, and ultimately delivered the National Championship to Gainesville. Forward Corey Brewer (13 points, eight rebounds, three steals) was named the Most Outstanding Player.

The next step for both of these teams is deciding which players will be declaring for the NBA draft. Many people have Oden as the number one overall pick, yet there are some who say that he may stay in Columbus to have another shot at a National Championship. Conley also is projected in the mid-1st round; however, he has consistently stated that he will be back in the scarlet and gray also. Ron Lewis, senior guard for the Buckeyes, has been projected in the second round, and although freshman forward Daequan Cook has stated he is thinking about going to the NBA, he is not in many draft projections due to his lack of production in the second half of the season.

For the Gators, many are saying that if Coach Billy Donovan stays (he has been offered the Head Coaching Job at Kentucky), four of their five starters (all but Lee Humphrey) would stay to try and win a third National title. Although they could stay, Horford, Noah and Brewer are all projected in the first round of the NBA draft, and they don't have much left to prove. Taurean Green is also a potential 2nd-rounder, as is depth player Chris Richards. Ultimately, both of these teams had (and may continue to have) unbelievable talent.

Tennis continues winning ways

By Victoria Davis
SPORTS EDITOR

Women's Tennis is off to a solid start this spring season. On Wed., March 21, they played Haverford and came out with a 5-4 win. Senior Pam Kimmelman and sophomore Jenn Powell won their first singles matches of the season, and along with sophomore Carly Rotfeld, each won their doubles and singles matches. Kimmelman and Powell teamed up at No. 1 doubles for an 8-5 win, leading the rest of the team to their first Centennial Conference victory of the season.

Next up on the schedule was McDaniel on Sun., March 25, and the Mules would shut them out 9-0, playing a mere 29 games. Kimmelman, Powell and Rotfeld combined to only lose a single game as Kimmelman won 6-0, 6-0 in singles and at No. 1 doubles with Powell, 8-0. Junior Jacquelyn Magner and sophomores Maddy Goldfarb and Olga Skoropad also won their first singles victories of the season.

Two days later on Tues., March 27, the Mules dropped their winning streak against Bryn Mawr, losing 5-4. Powell, Kimmelman and Rotfeld won in straight sets, but it was not enough. Kimmelman won back-to-back matches 6-0, 6-0, and Rotfeld continued her undefeated season. The loss did not faze them though, and on Sat., March 31, the team headed to Dickinson where they would resume their winning ways. Winning 5-4, Powell, Kimmelman and Rotfeld, again, led the way. Powell and Kimmelman won 9-7 at No. 1 doubles and Rotfeld became a perfect 5-0 at No. 3 singles.

Finally, the Mules kicked off April on Sun., April 1 at Mary Washington, a team ranked 10th in the nation. Rotfeld won yet again, 6-0, 6-0, an impressive victory against a player ranked 32nd in the Atlantic South Region. But in the end, the Mules fell 7-2.

The Men's Team has found similar success early in the '07 season. Tues., March 20, they faced the team ranked 30th in the nation, Haverford, and fought hard but lost by a final score of 6-3. Muhlenberg's three team points broke Haverford's shutout streak as they were the first points they have given up all season. Senior Michael DiVita and sophomore Tim Ness won 8-3 at No. 3 doubles, and freshman Mark Apostolos won his first match of his career at No. 6 singles in three sets. Junior Jamie Goldman also came out victorious, winning his singles match in straight sets.

Sun., March 25, the Mules battled McDaniel, hoping to add on to their string of 23 consecutive wins against the McDaniel squad. They kept close throughout, but the Mules pulled away to a 5-4 win. Sophomore Brian Wernick won in straight sets at No. 1 singles, and freshman Jonathan Farber won in three sets at No. 3 singles. Finally, Goldman, Ness and DiVita also provided singles wins for the Mules.

The next day, the team faced DeSales for the first time in ten years and came out with a decisive 8-1 win. The Mules swept doubles and won five of six singles matches, with the No. 2 doubles team of Ness and DiVita winning a close one. At No. 1 doubles, junior Jesse Kirschenbaum and Apostolos also won a close match, 8-6. At No. 1 singles, Wernick won his match on a supertiebreaker, 10-3.

Ursinus was up next, and the Mules kept on rolling. With a new doubles lineup, the Mules won 9-0. The No. 1 doubles team of freshman Robbie Goldwein and junior Doug Wayne won 8-5, and the No. 2 doubles team of Wernick and Farber won 8-3. Goldwein and Apostolos won in singles supertiebreakers at No. 1 and No. 4 respectively. Last up was an impressive Johns Hopkins team. Ranked 21st in the nation, Johns Hopkins beat the Mules 8-1, with Wernick providing Muhlenberg's lone point against a tough opponent.



Sophomore Brian Wernick has found success as the Number 1 singles player.

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Track Teams turn in strong performances

By Maura Hendsey
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

With spring in the air, the Muhlenberg Track and Field Teams picked up right where they left off at the end of the indoor season. Both the Men's and Women's Teams kicked off their seasons with back-to-back home meets the past two weekends. On Fri., March 23, the College hosted the Lehigh Valley Championships. The Women's Team had one first place finish, as well as four ECAC qualifying performances. Sophomore Janette Adams took first place in the 5000 meters with a time of 19:20.50. Meanwhile, seniors Rachel Drosdick and Sarah Mitchell both qualified for the ECACs. Drosdick qualified in both the 100 meter hurdles and the long jump, while Mitchell qualified in the javelin. In addition, the 4x100 relay team of Amanda Martini '09, Kaitlyn Archibald '10, Emily Karel '08 and Alex Faust '10 ran a time of 51.99 seconds, which was fast enough to qualify them for the ECAC championships.

The Men's Team also performed well in their debut meet of the spring season. Freshman Jeremiah Lachaud and sophomore Evan Sheppard both provided the Mules with first place finishes in the 200 meters and the discus respectively. Lachaud ran the 200 meters in 22.69 seconds, while Sheppard threw a distance of 143-4 in the discus, which not only clinched first place but also qualified him for the ECACs. Also turning in ECAC qualifying performances were senior Tim Seeley in the 5000 meters and the 4x100 relay team of freshman Steve Liapis, junior Dan Steinhart, freshman Eric Miller and Lachaud.

This past weekend, on Sat., March 31, the Mules hosted the Muhlenberg Invitational. The Women's Team received a stunning eight first-place finishes. Claiming the top spot in their events were Drosdick in the 100 meter hurdles and high jump, Mitchell in the Javelin, freshman Janelle Mentrikoski in the 400 meter hurdles, senior Jacquelyn Inverso in the triple jump, freshman Debra Crockett in the shot put, freshman Alex Faust in the pole vault and the 4x400 relay team of freshman Lauren Conicella, sophomore Kathryn Niedzwiecki, Karel and Martini. Among these first-place finishes were ECAC qualifying performances by Drosdick and Faust. Faust's pole vault of 10-10 also set a new school record. In addition, Mitchell's throw of 131-10 in the javelin provisionally qualified her for the NCAA Championships.

The Men's Team also achieved a great deal of success on Saturday, with several first place finishes and ECAC qualifying performances. Senior Matt

Sallese claimed first place in the shot-put, while both the 4x400 and 4x800 relay teams also finished first. The 4x400 team of Steinhart, Miller, freshman Bill Ryan and sophomore Dan Goldstein finished in 3:29.36, and the 4x800 team of sophomores Greg Ceponis and Stuart Udis, senior Steve Rothwell and freshman Pat Thornton ran a time of 8:13.88. Excelling individually for the Mules were sophomores Udis and David Chorney, both qualifying for the ECACs. Udis ran a strong 800 meters, finishing second in 1:55.85, while Chorney finished the 5000 meters in fifth place with a time of 15:26.72. Also qualifying for the ECACs was the 4x100 relay team of Brendan Kirk '10, Steinhart, Miller and Lachaud. Based on the results of these past two meets, the outdoor season looks to be promising for both the Men's and the Women's Teams. Both teams return to action on Sat., April 7 at Princeton for the Sam Howell Invitational.



Senior Lauren Carballo receives the handoff from fellow senior Jacquelyn Inverso in the 4X100.

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The Mules' freshman Goalie Andrew Bell was huge in the win against Moravian, making 22 saves.

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Men's Lacrosse returns home after solid play on the road

By Victoria Davis
SPORTS EDITOR

The schedule for the Men's Lacrosse Team has not been kind so far, but the Mules have made the best of a tough situation. Playing ranked teams and competing on the road has not seemed to faze them, and their season has started out fairly successfully.

On Wed., March 21, Men's Lacrosse traveled to Moravian to take on the Greyhounds. The Mules came out strong and held a big lead for the majority of the game. Senior Sean Thoohill, junior Kyle Farris and freshman Ivan Asplundh each recorded hat tricks, leading the Mules to a solid 15-6 victory. Thoohill's four points gave him 93 total for his career, putting him in second place on the program's all-time scoring list.

Defensively, freshman goalie Andrew Bell made 22 saves, the most by a Muhlenberg goalie since Men's Lacrosse was

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Health Center features new women's health services

By Anna Jaller
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Starting Fri., Apr. 20, the Health Center will be addressing the needs of more than just common spring allergies or that stomach bug going around. Through the hard work and dedication of students, Health Center staff and College administration, women's health services will be made readily available to students at the College.

According to Brynnmarie Dorsey, Director of Health Services, "Addressing women's health issues on campus has always been a high priority." This issue was apparent not only to administration, but students as well. Sarah Efronson '07 and Blaine McFeeley '08, were two advocates of bringing women's services onto the campus that helped spark this process. They began by gathering research on what services were being offered at other schools,

with the basis that women at this College should have these same opportunities. While expressing their concern, Dorsey and Karen Green, Dean of Students and Vice President of Student Affairs, informed Efronson and McFeeley that they were coincidentally already in the process of bringing these services to campus.

Thanks to the initial efforts of Efronson and McFeeley, Dean Green and Dorsey took over the investigation in order to find a way to appeal to women's needs on campus. Dean Green is excited to see these changes in action. "I have supported Brynn in all of her efforts to offer more services to address women's health issues and applaud her accomplishments," said Green.

There are numerous benefits to bringing these services to campus. McFeeley has been pushing for this change to occur since his freshman

year and sees these changes as beneficial to the College community. He explained, "The addition of this service is a vital part of any campus because it affects the daily life of all students, whether they are male or female. If a student is unable to obtain these services, the consequences can be great and grave. There are many circumstances that would cause a student to not be able to obtain certain OB/GYN related health services." Furthermore, Efronson notes, "These services are a vital addition to our campus in order to provide female students on campus an outlet to be able to obtain these health related services more easily."

The new women's health services offered include: routine yearly exams with pap smears, sexually transmitted disease screenings, vaginitis evaluations and

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Class of 2011 breaks admissions records

By Kim O'Brien
ASST. LIFE EDITOR

The College has once again surpassed records for freshmen admission applications. This year's total applicant number of 4,701 is up by 8.1% compared to last year's total of 4,347 applicants.

Christopher Hooker-Haring, Dean of Admission and Financial Aid, noted the increase in applications that the College has seen in recent years. "Last

year's admittance total of 615, was well above target from past years," stated Hooker-Haring. "There was an unexpected jump in regular admissions. When it came down to final college decisions, a lot more students said 'yes' to Muhlenberg." The College

is striving to cap the Class of 2011 admittance at 550 to ensure that enrollment continues to focus on quality, not quantity.

Hooker-Haring explained that new campus facilities and a strong sense of community have helped to attract more prospective students.

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Dean of Admission
and Financial Aid

Structures such as the New Science Building, as well as recent renovations to Seegers Union and the Life Sports Center have added to the campus environment. "The new facilities have really impressed parents and students. They are impressed with the general cleanliness and a sense that campus is treated with

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Fraternities and sororities participate in Greek Week

By Elyse Ettin
and Jamie Schnieder
WEEKLY STAFF

Greek Week, a week of competitions among the different Greek organizations at the College, took place Tues., Apr. 10 through Sun., Apr. 15. Four fraternities and four sororities competed against each other in events such as tug of war, lip sync, flag football, volleyball, swimming, dodge ball and an obstacle course. Also included in the fraternity competitions was a halo video game tournament and ultimate frisbee.

Chris Jachimowicz,

Director of Student Leadership Development and Greek Affairs, said, "It's [Greek Week] pretty prevalent. Almost all campuses have Greek Week." The week of events, although competitive, is really an opportunity for members of the Greek Community to come together and showcase their sportsmanship. It's the only time of year for all Greek organizations to hang out under one roof. Because fraternities and sororities on campus dedicate so much time and effort into pursuing philanthropic and fundraising events, for the

lip sync competition, donations were collected at the door. The donations went to an autism charity.

Members of each organization look forward to this event every year. For most participants, it was their first time being able to compete in the weeks worth of events. Last year, Greek Week was cancelled for the sororities as many of the chapters were having unresolved issues with their Nationals. This year, however, the chapters proved themselves worthy to continue the tradition. Corinne Julius '08 said, "Greek life does a lot for Muhlenberg's

campus every year." Each chapter does a lot of community service and supports a lot of the other groups on campus by donating money to them or participating in their philanthropic events. In the fall of this year, the Greek organizations all bought tickets to attend Dance for a Cure. Greek chapters also volunteer around the Lehigh Valley area at the Phoebe Home, Jefferson Elementary, Pinebrook and the Sixth Street Shelter. Delta Zeta held their annual DZ Hop to raise money for those with hearing-related problems. Phi Sigma Sigma held their

annual Rock-A-Thon, raising over \$1,500 for the National Kidney Foundation. Alpha Chi Omega took a bold and successful step in hosting a fashion show which raised money to help fight domestic violence. Money is raised for the Children's Miracle Network by Phi Mu. Even the fraternities have worked hard to raise money. Sigma Phi Epsilon worked with the Community Service Office to sponsor two blood drives and will also take part in Mental Health Awareness

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Safety doesn't always come in numbers

The horrific tragedy at Virginia Tech seems all too familiar. Like Columbine in 1999 and the Amish school in 2006, the nightmare of school shootings continues to haunt our dreams and our academic environments. The College took immediate action and held a vigil for reflection and prayer on Tues., Apr. 17, in remembrance of those who were killed and wounded in this violent travesty. And like many of you, our televisions and computer screens blinked with the latest updates and breaking news on the Virginia Tech shootings.

That's right, we sit in our cozy, though slightly cramped rooms, eating our humdrum, though nourishing food, watching the lives of many fall to pieces and an reputable institution attempt to control the situation. We ponder the occurrences with sadness and disbelief, with those of us familiar with the admissions process, thinking how their application rate is surely going to drop. Suddenly, we look at the clock and realize that our every day routine is still going on, uninterrupted by chaos and death.

Students of the College complain about a lot of things: small room sizes, boring food choices, crowded dining halls, inadequate parking space. Many of us liken our College atmosphere to that of high school, full of gossip and school-kid drama, the most physical danger ever being the wounding of your reputation. We are not lessening nor dismissing the significance of the violence that has occurred on our campus, yet we need to accept that in the scheme of larger more destructive incidents like Virginia Tech, our campus is a walk in the park.

We hope that the shootings at Virginia Tech make students pause and appreciate the relative safety we experience day in and day out on this campus. Because of our smaller size, the campus can be closely monitored and we humor the idea that students won't get left behind or lost in the crowd like the loner, Virginia Tech shooter. We like to think the professors of this "caring college" would not only recognize symptoms of depression in their students from the close student/teacher interactions, but would follow up, making sure they were getting the help they needed. Next time you are walking down Academic Row, look around and breathe. You are awake; you are alive. Stop sweating the small stuff and appreciate where you are now and where your education will take you in the future.

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Having the balls to choose religion over the big game

By Amy Cohen
WEEKLY OP/ED WRITER

As the Passover holiday came to a close, and with it my spring volleyball season, I've found myself wondering how being Jewish and playing a sport, two very important parts of my life, affect each other. Many times throughout my experience in athletics, I've caught myself saying, "I can't, I have volleyball" to a friend or a family member, or even in response to a minor religious event. But as I get older, I can't help wondering how much is too much when it comes to my sport.

I will never forget my freshman year of high school when I refused to play on Yom Kippur. I missed practice that day in favor of going to temple. My coach sat me for the next game, since those were the school's rules about missing a practice. I couldn't argue because I was the only Jewish player on the team. This year, I was in a similar situation for Rosh Hashanah, except my coach was a lot more understanding this time around. She respected my decision to not play that day out of respect for the holiday; I was not punished for it in practice or in playing time.

Recently, I've heard a lot of talk about Jewish athletes concerned and unhappy about game and practice schedules in relation to Jewish holidays. While I recognize, as a Jewish athlete, that it is unfair and disrespectful to schedule contests on Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and the first two nights of Passover, it is also necessary to realize that as athletes this is what we signed up for. Before going into preseason back in the fall, I knew that I would not have a fall break or be able to see my family for most of the first

semester. This is the level of commitment that every athlete makes, whether or not they are Jewish.

Here's the problem: we all are dedicated to our sports and if presented with choosing between a game or going to temple on one of the High Holy Days, 9 times out of 10 we will choose the game. We then opt to not play out of respect for the holiday, not because we are afraid of some punishment from our coaches, but because we feel guilty missing a game even though no one would deliberately make us feel this way. People need to be confident and comfortable in the decision that they make, but this should not have to be an issue. I know the Athletics Department is very well aware of the situation and tries to be accommodating (my coach bears the brunt of a lot of the scheduling issues,) but the choice between athletics and religion would be a lot easier if games weren't scheduled on major holidays for both Jewish and non-Jewish players.

At the same time, we cannot abuse these possible changes to the athletic schedules, because the seasons are only so long as it is. Individual athletes need to be willing to work with their coaches and the administration over religious conflicts, and not take advantage of the holiday excuse. At this point, it is early enough that a balance could be achieved with scheduling for next year as long as student athletes and the administration can compromise respectfully. Asking students to choose between a sport they love and a religion they've grown up with and are equally as committed to, is not an option.

Students sick of bureaucracy

By Liz Schmitt
WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

When we were younger, going to the nurse's office often meant we were trying to get out of class. This was no secret to the nurses; a kid would have to be a pretty good actor to pull it off.

Now we're in college. And while I don't claim that students at the College are completely free of our former immaturity, I'd like to think we've left our days of faking sick behind us. For the first thirteen or so years of our education, we have no choice but to be there, which is a big part of why so many of us dodged school when we could. But in college, we have a lot more at stake. For one, we're paying to be here. We do things based on choice. Our classes, no matter how boring some may be, are a function of the major or minor we choose. Commitments like sports practice or club activities are all voluntary choices, too.

Where am I going with this? Well, I recently encountered bureaucracy at our school that revealed to me how little faith the College has in its students.

One weekend this semester, I got hit with a cold overnight. We've all been there. I was too sick to go anywhere or do anything. I missed everything including my last home track meet, the daylight and piles of homework that I just didn't have the energy to complete. My biggest concern, though, was an exam that I had that Monday morning. So, on Sunday I emailed

the professor, and on Monday, I was in bed rather than at the exam.

The professor, however, needed "compelling documentation" as to why I was not present for the exam. So, I went to the Health Center and explained my situation, and they were friendly, concerned and as helpful as they could be. Unfortunately, they could not provide me with any kind of note saying that I was indeed sick. They explained to me the Health Center's policy on sick notes: in order to get one, you need to see a doctor in their office three days in a row and be observably sick on all three days. Otherwise, I was told, people would be lined up outside the

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door every day. But since in my four years at the College, I have never before come across this rule. I have to wonder how true that is. If we don't know about the three-day policy, how is it affecting how many people line up outside the door?

In addition to all of this is the simple fact that I could not possibly have gotten a sick note: I was sick all weekend, and the Health Center is not open on weekends!

So it seemed that the only documentation the Health Center had to offer was a pamphlet on their three-day policy.

I'd like to emphasize that I am not at all bashing the staff of the Health Center. They were considerate and really seemed to be doing all they could to help me, which is why they offered another solution: releasing my medical records. I

didn't ask why and I don't know what motivates this particular policy, but apparently the Health Center is not allowed to talk with professors. I could, however, release to this specific professor my medical record for the past week, since earlier the week before I'd paid a visit to the Health Center.

I wonder what students our administration was thinking of when they drafted this policy. Clearly, they had a significant amount of distrust towards the Student Body. I'm sure I'm not the only student who has faced problems due to this policy. If someone could present me with a reason why I would risk a major part of my grade such as an exam, or why I would assume that I could act my way into a sick note and out of the responsibility of taking the test, I won't question the school's policy. But as it stands, I'm a good student who has signed the Academic Behavior Code countless times, and I think that not only myself, but all of my fellow students, deserve the school's respect when it comes to health and grades.

Bureaucracy is a catchphrase we hear a lot, but just as it runs the world of politics, it has a bigger impact on our time here at the College than most of us realize. I don't know who wrote this policy, who approved it or why it leaves the nurses and doctors at our Health Center without the power to use their own discretion. That's part of the nature of bureaucracy. What we need in its place is some faith in the integrity of the College's students and policies that are intended to help, not hinder, our academic success.

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Imus confess that the double standard is 'ludacris'



Joe Caporoso
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

Congratulations Al Sharpton and Jesse Jackson, you did it. You helped put enough pressure on MSNBC and CBS, along with the sponsors to get Don Imus fired. Yet, you've solved absolutely nothing. Don't get me wrong. Referring to the Rutgers University Women's Basketball Team as "nappy-headed hos," was racist, sexist and, above all, idiotic. The remark is insulting to

African-Americans and, beyond that, to any woman in general. The worst part of the remark, however, was who it was directed at. He took aim at a team full of well-educated, student athletes who had just made their home state proud by having their best season

in school history. They didn't deserve anything but compliments for their achievements.

What does firing Don Imus accomplish? The man made a stupid comment and has a history of making them. Yet, Imus's history wasn't checkered enough to keep him out of the Radio Hall of Fame. His history includes raising millions upon millions of dollars for the cause of Autism, AIDS and U.S. Veterans. His philanthropic history includes donating the money for a children's hospital in Hackensack, New Jersey. Don Imus isn't a racist. I've listened to Don Imus's unrelenting support for Senator Harold Ford from Tennessee, who is African-American. I've heard him take his back in the unfair and racist campaign brought against him in his bid for election by supporters of his then opponent, Bob Corker. There are plenty of more racist people still on the airwaves, who just didn't happen to slip up and make such an inflammatory remark. Rush Limbaugh and Bill

O'Reilly certainly come to mind.

The two week suspension for Imus should have stood. Let him take his beating in public opinion, and then let the man get back to work after being torn apart. It would have been a safe bet that there wouldn't have been anymore racist, sexist comments on his show. He would have simply continued his charity work. Maybe Sharpton and Jackson should stop fighting the easy fight against an angry, old man who had outraged millions of people, and fight the real battle. The term Don Imus said on air wasn't much compared to a 50 Cent lyric or typical rap CD for that matter. It didn't compare to all of the sexism present on MTV and BET. If Sharpton and Jackson want credibility, let them attack people who say "ho" 28 times in a single song and have never raised a dime for charity. Firing Imus has accomplished nothing. You effectively

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stopped one racist comment every five years by firing Imus. No redemption or second chance is senseless. Imus took his beating, sincerely apologized, and met with the Rutgers Team, who has forgiven him.

From one issue of race to another I, along with many fellow journalists, owe members of the Duke Lacrosse Team an apology. Despite never accusing them of being 100 percent guilty, I did write an article last year which unfairly judged their behavior. As it as now turns out, these players were innocent and also the victims of a fictitious revelation by the woman who accused them. This woman has not only embarrassed herself but has also hurt women everywhere. The next time a situation like this happens, people may think twice about believing a female accuser, and that is a dangerous shame.

As for the players, they were the victims of racism. Yes, white males could be affected by racism. It isn't just minorities. An overzealous prosecution and media found it all too easy to visualize rich, prep-school, white athletes taking advantage of an African-American woman. These athletes have had the last year of their lives destroyed and been forced to walk around labeled as "rapists." The prosecutor in the Duke lacrosse case will now hopefully find the same fate as Imus: unemployment. Except in his case, he actually deserves it.

Guilty of being a victim

By Nadine Goldman
WEEKLY OP/ED WRITER

We've heard about British sailors who were taken hostage by Iranian captors and who are now selling their stories to the media after

being granted permission from the Ministry of Defense. We've also heard about their goody bags from the Iranians on eBay. Most recently, we've heard about how Don Imus's racist and sexist remark about the Rutgers University Women's Basketball Team members being "nappy-headed hos" has scarred one of the players for life.

The story we didn't hear about is that of Private Johnson Beharry, who was awarded the Victoria Cross, Britain's equivalent to our Medal of Honor, for two extraordinary acts of heroism in Iraq. Private Beharry is the first person to receive the Victoria Cross, since 1982. He is one of just 12 living recipients, the first since 1969. He is the youngest recipient of the Victoria Cross and the first black serviceman to be honored with the award.

We might have heard more about him; however, BBC decided not to air a 90-minute documentary about Beharry, because it was thought to be "too positive," and because BBC didn't want to risk alienating viewers opposed to the war in Iraq.

Setting aside the issue of journalistic bias, it is worth noting the media preference for "victim" stories. The stories of victims are getting excessive media attention while the stories of heroes are being ignored. Glorifying these examples of victimhood can, and is already having a serious negative impact.

By raising victims to the level of heroes, we forget what real heroism looks like. I'm not in a position to critique the British sailors and Marines who were captured, but it's impossible to raise them to the hero pedestal. A U.S. Marine who was a former hostage taken captive by Iranians in 1979 for 144 days recalled how he and his fellow Marines hid their faces during the propaganda videos and suffered beatings and starvation for refusing to cooperate with their captors. Private Johnson Beharry twice braved heavy ambush fire and suffered a serious head injury to save the lives of his com-

rades. While the British sailors deserve our sympathy, their conduct, including their willingness to cooperate with their captors within three days and the profiteering off of their stories, just does not reach the level of "hero."

Raising victims to hero status also encourages more people to act like victims. There is no question that Don Imus's remark was racist, sexist and offensive and the team deserved a public apology. The Rutgers University Women's Basketball Team had the opportunity to show Imus and the nation the strength that women athletes, white and black, have to offer. Besides being talented athletes, these women excelled academically, but instead of presenting themselves as champions, the team members chose to play the victim card. One player claimed that Imus's comment had "scarred [her] for life." Effectively, they've managed to reinforce, rather than break down, the negative stereotypes that black women athletes have been fighting.

Another effect is that news stories become victim stories by misleading with blatant inaccuracies to cast certain characters in pre-scripted victim role. The Duke Men's Lacrosse Team rape charge is an excellent example of the automatic casting of the black woman into the role of "victim-hero" and the three white men into the role of "rapist." It's bad enough when three people who aren't guilty are cast as the enemy. BBC has actually managed to take it a step further in that by not showing the Beharry documentary, because it could offend those opposed to the war. In doing so, they have cast a true hero as the enemy.

Bottom line: glorifying victimhood, as our media has been actively doing, can only bring about a whole host of negative consequences. It'll be a tough prejudice to change, but celebrating the stories of real heroes would be a good start.

Setting aside the issue of journalistic bias, it is worth noting the media preference for "victim stories."

Cardinal Key Society connects with alumni to host soccer clinic

By Sara Horowitz
NEWS EDITOR

On Sun., Apr. 22, members of the Cardinal Key Society, in conjunction with the Eric Douglass Dettenrieder (EDD) Fund, will host a soccer clinic for disabled kids in the Allentown community on the College campus.

The Cardinal Key Society (CKS) was founded at the College in 1942 by six members of the class of 1942. Their main goal was to serve the College community and extend good will to its visitors. According to Traci Falco, Director of Development and Alumni Relations, the society "had a brief disappearance in the

80s but was reestablished in 1994." Members of the Cardinal Key Society work with the Office of Alumni Relations to inform alum of changes and happenings at the College and to develop current students as future leaders in alumni life. Applications are sent to first year and second year students who go through an interview process in order to become members. There are approximately 50 members who serve on CKS until the end of their senior year.

Every semester, the Society must hold a philanthropy event in conjunction with alumni. Matt Roessler '08, the Community Service Chair for the Cardinal Key Society, helped to plan this

semesters philanthropy event. He got in contact with Paul Anderson '96, who is on the board for the EDD Memorial Fund to commemorate his friend and fellow classmate, Eric Douglass Dettenrieder. According to Anderson, "Eric was a very close friend of mine. When he died in a skiing accident in '97, his family and friends formed together and founded the EDD Fund to help disabled and disadvantaged kids experience skiing and the outdoors." Douglass was very athletic and loved working with children, so they combined his two passions to form a skiing clinic for disabled children. After a few years, the program has

grown tremendously. Now the program offers Soccer, Basketball, Swimming and Tennis Clinics for young people with physical and developmental disabilities. Recently, the program has expanded to help soldiers who had received injuries in the war experience skiing with specialized instructors at Windham Mountain.

At first, most of the programs took place in Douglass' hometown in Oneonta, New York, but once an endowment was put in place, the clinics began to take place in six other states. Anderson said, "The Cardinal Key Society served as the interface between alum and the existing 'Berg community." Roessler noted

that Anderson was a great help in bringing the Soccer Clinic to the campus this year. He said, "Our students are instrumental in organizing and staffing events with alumni and keeping in contact with the alumni. We are working with the EDD Fund because it is in memory of an alumni who died."

So far, 10 local kids have signed up for the program which will take place Sun., Apr. 22 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Stadium Soccer field. Anderson stressed the importance of re-establishing ties with the College Community in order to support and take part in events that will not only benefit alum, but members of the College, as well.

The College honors faculty and student achievement with 9th Annual Henry Awards

By Jennifer Lavelle
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

On Sat., Apr. 14, Empie Theatre was transformed for the 9th Annual Henry Awards, a ceremony named after Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, for whom the College was named. The celebration included awards for Best Male and Female Athletes, Rookie of the Year and Helping Hand, to name a few. There was a pre-award reception and a dessert reception after the show.

Voting for the nominees and award winners was conducted earlier in the semester. The first round of nominations was open to the entire Student Body via the Internet. Then, the Selection Committee, comprised of students, faculty and staff, chose the top three nominees in each category and voted for the winner. There were three People's Choice Awards, and three nominees were selected by the Committee and then the campus voted for the winner.

Hosts Matthew Grimaldi '08 and David Wrigley '08 gave hilarious introductions for the presenters and entertainment, the first one being for the campus comedy group "Fun with Eggs." Their sketch opened the

night on a note of uproarious laughter, telling the story of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg's trip to America and his place here at the College.

The campus a capella groups, The Girls Next Door, Acafellas, InAcchord, ChaiMonics, Noteworthy and the Muhlenberg Dynamics provided entertainment for the ceremony between awards presentations. These groups performed a variety of popular songs, ranging from the Broadway tune "Little Shop of Horrors" to Gwen Stefani's "Sweet Escape." The dance groups Soul Sound Steppers, Perkulators, Copasetic Rhythms and Mint* also gave performances, receiving much applause throughout the evening.

The Class Council of 2009 was mainly responsible for planning and executing the event, but many others assisted them. Erica Lang '09, one of the event chairs along with Katie Bemis '09, said, "I'm grateful to everyone who helped to make this night a success. A special thanks goes to John Gavin, John Evans, Melissa Buffaloe and Matt Franzetti for helping us with lighting, sound and stage management, which Katie and I weren't too familiar with."

Unfortunately, there were not enough seats in Empie Theatre to accommodate all those who wished to attend the ceremony. However, there was overflow seating in the Recital Hall, where a large screen was set up with a live video feed of the ceremony in Empie.

The Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Valerie Lane, Director of Community Service. She was unable to attend the ceremony, but a video was compiled in her honor to describe the impressions she has had on the College campus. Bemis said, "We wanted to recognize her achievements and dedication before she leaves."

The campus community also recognized Sam Laposata, Visiting Professor of Accounting, Business and Economics, who won People's Choice Faculty. Mike Bruckner, Vice President of Public Relations, was awarded People's Choice Management.

"Overall, I think it went really well. Empie is such an impressive space for an event like this, and there was a great turnout from a variety of different students on campus" said Bemis.

COUNSELING SERVICES OPEN HOUSE

Monday, April 23, 2007

12:00pm - 2:00pm

Life Sports Center -
2nd Floor

Meet the
Counseling Services
Staff and Interns

Enjoy Refreshments and
our Awesomeness!!!

9	5	3	2	4	1	7	8	6
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Answer to Sudoku

Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9.

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Poverty Week at the College began on Mon., Apr. 16, 2007. On Tues., Apr. 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Great Room students participated in The Game of Life, a life-sized board game relating to issues of poverty. Players walked throughout the board and were faced with decisions that would guide their future and had to deal with random events that were out of their control. The object was to live a fulfilling life while staying above the poverty line.

Heather Baylis '07, former chair of Poverty Week and current member of RJ Fellows, said, "Other Poverty Week events included a school supplies drive for Allentown classrooms, a panel discussion and the RJ Fellow symposium."

What's Happening On Campus This Weekend:

Friday, April 20

9 p.m. – 1 a.m. Funny T's in Seegers Lobby
10 p.m. Comedian Steve Caouette in Red Door

Saturday, April 21

12:30 p.m. Baseball vs McDaniel (DH)
3 – 7 p.m. East Fest/Soul Shakedown – East Quad
Band "The Eighth Sea"
Numerous games & inflatables –
- Catch-a-Wave Slide
- Iron Man Obstacle Course
- Rock-n-Roll Tumbler
- Soccer
- Basketball
- Football
- Popcorn, Cotton Candy & Snow Cones
4:30 – 6:30 Dinner Outside on Tent Pad
5:00 p.m. Pete Francis from Dispatch on Tent Pad
8:00 p.m. Poet "Shappy" in Red Door

Sunday, April 22

8 p.m. The Doctors of Rock in Red Door

OFF CAMPUS

Virginia Tech campus shooting affects colleges across America

On Mon., Apr. 16, 2007, at Virginia Tech University, Cho Seung-Hui, a senior, opened fire on campus killing 33 people and injuring many more. Cho Seung-Hui, a 23-year-old majoring in English, arrived in the United States as a boy from South Korea in 1992 and was raised in suburban Washington, D.C. According to *The Morning Call*, "The rampage consisted of two attacks, more than two hours apart -- first at a dormitory, where two people were killed, then inside a classroom building, where 31 people, including Cho, died after being locked inside, Virginia State Police said. Cho committed suicide; two handguns -- a 9 mm and a .22-caliber -- were found in the classroom building." Cho was described by classmates as a loner who was said to be taking medication for depression. Classes were canceled for the rest of the week and Norris Hall, the classroom building, will be closed for the rest of the semester. This campus shooting is the deadliest shooting rampage in U.S. history.

Soon after the media began reporting these developments, President Helm released a statement to all students and faculty which said, "In the wake of the tragedy at Virginia Tech, we want to reassure Muhlenberg students and their families that the College has extensive security and crisis response protocols, a capable and well trained Campus Safety team, and an excellent working relationship with local law enforcement. The College has a crisis management team and policies and procedures in place." On Tues., Apr. 17 at noon in the Egner Memorial Chapel, a vigil of reflection and prayer was held in response to the tragic shootings at Virginia Tech.

GREEK WEEK

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week. Delta Tau Delta held a concert in the Garden Room benefiting the Jolie Foundation just this past weekend. The brothers of Phi Kappa Tau raised money for a camp for terminally ill children and AEPi had a golf outing a few months ago to raise money for the Camelot House. All Greek organizations have participated in the Greek Community Clean-up.

Members of the Greek organizations are also involved in many other activities on campus such as Student Council, sports teams, Campus Delegates, Cardinal Key Society, choir, theatre programs, dance teams, Colleges Against Cancer, Relay For Life and Habitat For Humanity. Many are part of the different National Honors Societies on campus, Student Advisors, peer tutors, Research Assistants, Muhlenberg Activities Council and write for *The Muhlenberg Weekly* and other publications at the College. Greek Week was a celebration of all the hard work put forth by the chapters throughout the year.

Members of the National Panhellenic Council ran all events so as to stay impartial in judging and keeping score. Samantha Lenore '08, a member of Panhel said, "Greek Week this year was amazing. After no Greek Week last year, all of the chapters came this year ready to have a good time.

No matter who won each event, hands were always shaken and smiles were on peoples faces."

One of the biggest events of the week was Lip Sync Competition. All four sororities practiced for weeks, putting together their costumes and dancing routines. The event was held in Memorial Hall and not only drew all of the Greek chapters, but many other students as well, especially first-year students who go to see what Greek Life is all about. One of the judges for Lip Sync was President Helm. The last event, Tug of War, was another big event for both the sororities and fraternities. This event, held in the sand pit behind the tennis courts usually attracts a big crowd as well. However, this year the cold weather and pouring rain limited the amount of spectators. Those participating battled in the wet, puddles of sand in order to show their bond and dedication to their Greek chapter.

Jennifer Weaver '08, President of Phi Sigma Sigma, said, "This is my first time participating in Greek Week and it's really exciting to see how the chapters come together to achieve a common goal. I love the comradery that comes out during the events, and this week has given me an opportunity to talk with other members of the Greek community I've never met before. I would like to see more community service and philanthropy events

incorporated into this week to give people a stronger sense of how important these things are to all the Greek organizations."

All week, the sororities stayed neck-in-neck in the scoring but Alpha Chi Omega came away with the victory. Phi Sigma Sigma followed in second place, with Delta Zeta taking third and Phi Mu placed fourth. At the conclusion of Greek Week, Alpha Chi Omega held a banner outside their house which read, "Greek Week Champs 2007! Congrats to Phi Sig, DZ and Phi Mu. Thanks Panhel!" For the fraternities, Sigma Phi Epsilon came out on top with 97 points. Phi Kappa Tau came in second with 88 points. Alpha Epsilon Pi came in third with 64 points and Delta Tau Delta came in fourth with 44 points. Ryan Chapoteau '08, President of Sigma Phi Epsilon said, "The best thing about Greek Week was that all chapters came out to support their brothers at all events."

Although at some moments during the week, the events became very competitive, it was a time for members of the Greek Chapters to showcase their talent and sisterhood and brotherhood bonds. Greek Week was organized collectively by one or two people from each chapter. They worked very hard to make sure the week was fun and to showcase to the College campus the unification amongst Greek chapters.

ADMISSIONS

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respect," he stated.

Most striking to Haring, and to many students visiting campus, is the strong sense of community on campus. "Students are very connected to each other. Students and faculty are connected," said Hooker-Haring. "Upon visiting, they feel a difference. This is a place that really feels like a community."

Matt Fishman '10, described what was most appealing when he first visited the College. He said, "I was initially drawn to the pre-med program. Obviously, seeing that a new science building was being constructed was a plus. During the tour, though, I realized that the campus just seemed nicer. People held open doors; they were friendlier, more polite. I couldn't say the same thing for other schools I visited."

According to Hooker-Haring, at this point of admission, the top majors of prospective students are

Biology, Business, Theater/Arts, Psychology, Media and Communication and English, demonstrating the wide range of academic interests on campus. Also notable is the increase in diversity in the incoming pool of prospective Class of 2011 students. "We had 100 more applications from students of color this year," observed Haring. "The Multicultural Center sends an important message to prospective students that the College takes diversity seriously."

Haring also noted the increase of "statistical quality" in recent application years, showing stronger class rank and higher SAT scores. With the increased interest in the College, admissions has grown more competitive and only 36% of applicants have been offered admission to the class of 2011. The College recently has been ranked as 74 on the U.S. News 2007 edition list of "Best Liberal Arts Colleges," citing its admission status as "more selective."

HEALTH CENTER

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other women's health services per request. Perhaps one of the most relevant services is the availability of Gardasil, the latest breakthrough HPV vaccination. The vaccine has been proven to protect against four types of HPV, which together cause 70% of cervical cancers and 90% of genital warts. In addition, the morning-after-pill can be attained if needed.

These services will be provided through St. Luke's Center for Advanced Gynecologic Care. Cheryl Lichner, Master of Science in Nursing and Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner, will serve as the main provider to students. Lichner, a University of Pennsylvania Nurse Practitioner graduate, is exceptionally qualified for the task at hand. She is a member of the American Academy of

Nurse Practitioners, the National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health, and Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. Also, Lichner is board certified by the American Nurses Credentialing Center as an Adult Nurse Practitioner and the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

If you want the chance to meet Lichner yourself, stop by the Health Center this Fri., Apr. 20 from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. for a meet and greet. This is an opportunity

"I have supported Brynn in all of her efforts to offer more services to address women's health issues and applaud her accomplishments."

Dean Green,
Dean of Students and
VP of Student Affairs

ty for students to ask questions, sign up for an appointment or just say hello. Appointments for gynecology services should be made through the Health Center. All gynecology services will be billed by St. Luke's Center for Advanced Gynecologic Care through the student's health insurance. This means students are responsible for being aware of their health insurance coverage and any limitations.



Alpha Chi Omega, Phi Sigma Sigma, Delta Zeta and Phi Mu competed in flag "power puff" football during Greek Week.

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Congratulations to the Winners Of the 2007 Henry Awards



<u>Rookie of the Year</u>	<u>Female Athlete of the Year</u>	<u>Organization of the Year</u>	<u>Excellence in Diversity</u>
Sara Keller	Nicole Washburn	Pep Band	Desirée Sedehi
<u>Helping Hand</u>	<u>Sports Team of the Year</u>	<u>Visual or Performing Artist of the Year</u>	<u>People's Choice: Student Leader</u>
Michael Cali	Ice Hockey Team	Gillian Visco	Kimberly Nguyen
<u>Male Greek Leader of the Year</u>	<u>Outstanding Community Service Project / Program</u>	<u>Visual or Performing Group of the Year</u>	<u>People Choice: Support Staff</u>
Kyle Kober	Relay for Life	Soul Sound Steppers	Jeffrey Demko
<u>Female Greek Leader of the Year</u>	<u>Unsung Hero</u>	<u>Resident Advisor of the Year</u>	<u>People's Choice: Management</u>
Stephanie Hacker	Katie Bemis	Kimberly Nguyen	Michael Bruckner
<u>Greek Organization of the Year</u>	<u>Published Writer of the Year</u>	<u>Event of the Year</u>	<u>People's Choice: Faculty</u>
Phi Sigma Sigma	Sara Horowitz	Relay for Life	Dr. Sam Laposata
<u>Male Athlete of the Year</u>			
Brian Veltkamp			

Campus Safety Notes

Apr. 9 - Fire/Safety Violation - An alarm went off due to the smoke detector being covered with a plastic bag in Martin Luther Hall.

Apr. 9 - Disorderly Conduct - A student reported that someone had poured chocolate syrup on some doors in East Hall on two different occasions. Campus Safety is still investigating who is responsible.

Apr. 9 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to steam from the shower in East Hall.

Apr. 10 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to steam from cooking at 2241 Liberty Street.

Apr. 10 - Sick Student - A student in the Life Sports Center had a breathing problem and felt faint. She was transported to St. Luke's Hospital.

Apr. 10 - Drug Possession/Paraphernalia - Two students were referred to the Judicial Process for possession of a homemade pipe and marijuana.

Apr. 10 - Institutional Vandalism - The south side porch light on the first floor of Martin Luther Hall was broken.

Apr. 11 - Injured Student - A female student on the third floor of South Hall had something in her left eye and could not get it out. She was transported to St. Luke's Hospital.

Apr. 11 - Lost Property - A cell phone was lost in the Trexler Library.

Apr. 11 - Fire Drill - A fire alarm was set off when workers were working on the alarm system in Shankweiler Hall.

Apr. 11 - A suspicious person was talking about sex to a female student in Seegers Union.

Apr. 11 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to steam from the shower at 417 Leh Street.

Apr. 11 - Sick Student - A student in the Life Sports Center Fieldhouse reported feeling faint, shaking and having breathing problems. The student was transported

to St. Luke's Hospital.

Apr. 11 - Suspicious Activity - Students from an earlier report of possession of paraphernalia and marijuana were found using marijuana in the Prosser Quad.

Apr. 12 - Vehicle Violation - A vehicle was illegally parked in the Prosser lot with lights left on. The vehicle is not registered and the owner of the vehicle had five tickets, totaling \$200.

Apr. 12 - Harassment - A General's Quarter's employee was harassed by her boyfriend off campus. The matter was referred to the Allentown Police Department and the District Justice Office.

Apr. 13 - Check the Welfare/Locate - A mother called Campus Safety to report that she had not spoken to her daughter, who was having problems. The student called her mother back while an officer was present.

Apr. 14 - Suspicious Person - Two alumni were trying to get into the side doors of the ATO house located on Chew Street.

Apr. 14 - Suspicious Activity - A student and a non-student were stopped in their vehicle for possession of marijuana. The Allentown Police Department confiscated a bag of marijuana. No charges were made at the time, but the student is being referred to the Judicial Process.

Apr. 14 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off on the first floor of due to burned popcorn South Hall.

Apr. 14 - Noise Complaint - Causing a disturbance, 75 students were in and out of a house on North 22nd Street. The house was emptied out and no citations were written.

Apr. 15 - Underage Alcohol - Five underage students on the third floor of Walz Hall were referred to the Judicial Process for possession of alcohol.

Apr. 15 - Injured Student - A student injured his/her right ankle on the first floor elevator in Walz Hall. The student was transported to St. Luke's Hospital.

Apr. 15 - Motor Vehicle Accident - A vehicle struck the back of the house at 2235 Gordon Street.

Apr. 15 - Injured Student - A student fell on the steps on the first floor of the Center for the Arts, cutting her toes. She was transported to the hospital.

Apr. 15 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to steam from cooking at 2442 Tilghman Street.

Apr. 16 - Sick Student - A student suffered from hyperventilation and an anxiety attack. The student was given treatment at the hospital.

Apr. 16 - Unlawful Entry - An off-campus house was broken into and items were stolen. The matter has been referred to the Allentown Police Department.

Apr. 16 - Hit and Run - A student's vehicle on Liberty Street had the driver's side mirror knocked off, as well as scratches on the driver's side rear fenders of the vehicle. She contacted the Allentown Police Department.

WEEKLY

Life!

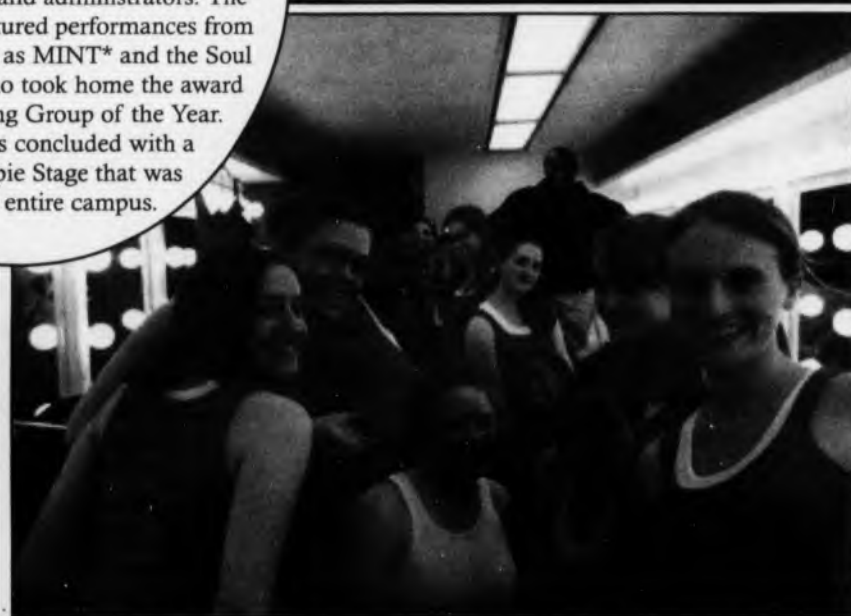
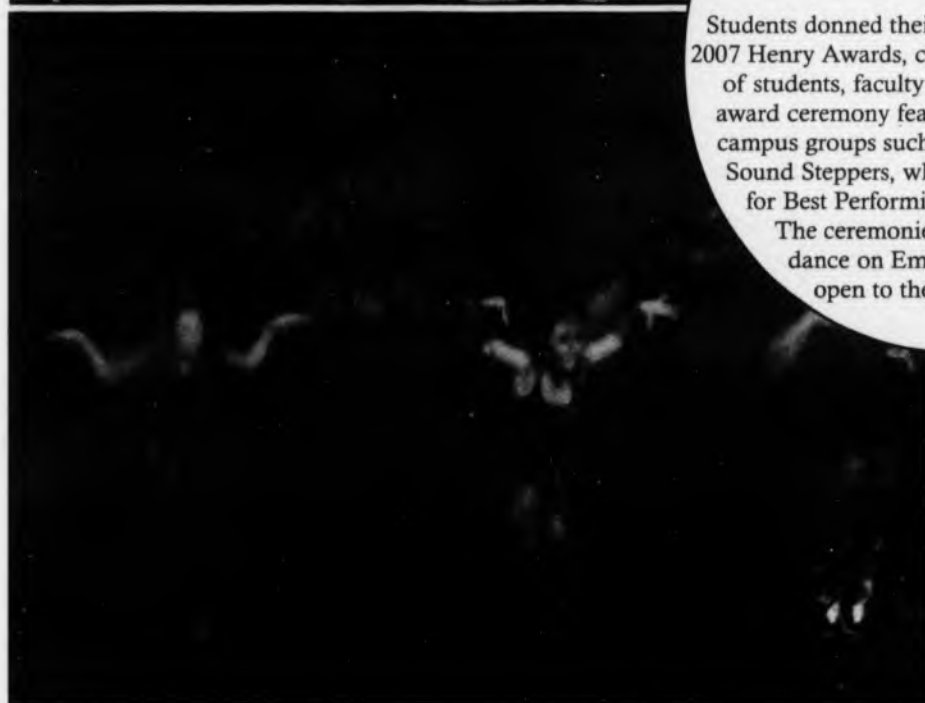
"It's a funny thing about life; if you refuse to accept anything but the best, you very often get it."

- William Somerset Maugham



Ninth Annual Henry Awards

Students donned their best formal attire for the 2007 Henry Awards, celebrating the achievements of students, faculty and administrators. The award ceremony featured performances from campus groups such as MINT* and the Soul Sound Steppers, who took home the award for Best Performing Group of the Year. The ceremonies concluded with a dance on Empie Stage that was open to the entire campus.



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Love in the real world

By Lily Hatfield
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNIST

I am a little disappointed by the lack of entries I have received from potential columnists. Now I know it can seem like a daunting task to try and take my place, but I believe that there is a sexually-savvy, fun and frisky someone out there who would be perfect for the job.

Let go of your inhibitions, put down the textbook for 15 minutes, jot down some of your thoughts on the social rules regarding sex at Muhlenberg, or write about your opinion on which flavored lube tastes the best. Hit me with your best shot!

With that being said, I move on to my own ramblings for the week. With graduation fast approaching, I've had to start thinking seriously about my future. At this point, I'm set. I have a job and a place to live all lined up.

But, besides the essentials, I know that in between working and getting my masters, I will keep wondering: Will I be able to find time for love? Will I

be able to find love in the first place? Where the Hell should I start looking?

At Muhlenberg, I have gotten used to meeting people in classes, parties and bars. It's pretty easy to make eye contact with someone and start a conversation, and since everyone knows each other, it's safe to assume you can find a friend to put in a good word for you with your potential hook-up.

Then again, the small social scene promises that you will run into people over and over again, and that is bad news if your first hook-up went poorly, but it could be good news if you wanted to just "run into" your crush.

Out in the real world, it doesn't work this way, at least from what I have seen. It's depressing and frightening to think that I will be looking for a partner in the crowded Boston bar scene, 100x bigger and more competitive than Muhlenberg's collection of two or three bars and endless house parties on 22nd

Street.

Is this where I am supposed to find my soul mate--pushing through a dark club with "Listen to Your Heart" pulsing in the background?

I don't think it is all hopeless. With the promise of a new job, there is the possibility of meeting new and interesting men.

They work at the same school for children with special needs as I do, so I can assume we will have some things in common.

Perhaps these new men will be a little older and hopefully, a little wiser and less prone to sneaking out of my room in the middle of the night, or worse, taking my number without giving them permission to take it.

Although the work-love idea seems promising when first starting out, I have to advise you against "s@#ting where you eat." An office romance can make things very awkward around the water cooler if things go awry.

You never know where

you are going to find love. It could be right in front of your face or thousands of miles away. I like to tell myself that there is plenty of time. I am still young, and there is no point in stressing myself out over the soul-mate dilemma now, while I am just reaching my prime. Of course, to be fair and honest, it is a thing that will undoubtedly occupy many of my thoughts.

I have already spent a lot of my life searching for that one special person. After all that time, I have gained a wealth of knowledge, tips, tricks and a broken nose.

But, at this point I think that I have come to the conclusion that it would be best to just ride the waves, seeing where they take me, instead of swimming against the tide towards an unknown goal. And maybe, I'll end up in the exact place that I want to be.

So, keep your fingers crossed for me. I'll do the same for all of you as we venture out into the real world, and as always remember to stay sexy, stay safe Muhlenberg!

LOVE
&
LIFE

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHAT IS THE EARTHIEST ACTION YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE THIS WEEK?



"Turn off my computer when I'm at class and sleeping."
- Jackie Dearborn '09



"Continue to recycle and compost."
- Awa Faye, Sodexho Extraordinaire



"Stop driving from Brown to Seegers."
- Sarah Imperiale '10



"I'm going to convince Student Council to step it up on climate change."
- Liz Schmitt '07



"Take only five minute showers."
- Sammi Borah '08

Compiled by Kim Nguyen

AMC Weekend Listings



Fracture

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Are We Done Yet?

Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

The Reaping

Fri. 4:50, 10:10
Sat. 4:50, 10:10
Sun. 11:30, 4:50

Meet the Robinsons

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 9:30
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 9:30
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

Disturbia

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 10:00
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 10:00
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

Pathfinder

Fri. 1:50, 7:50,
Sat. 1:50, 7:50
Sun. 1:50, 7:50

Blades of Glory

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Perfect Stranger

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 9:40
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 9:40
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

"It's show time folks!"

By Martha Stevenson
HEAD OF PUBLIC SERVICES

Each year there are award ceremonies galore like the Academy Awards, Golden Globes, Cannes Film Festival, Tribeca Film Festival, plus many others. These ceremonies tout the best director, best actor, best animation, best short film, best of pretty much anything you can imagine.

As the winners are announced, the library gets besieged by requests to purchase many of the films on DVD. I don't usually look at which film won what before I decide to see it or not. I go for what I enjoy. I also have the luxury of looking at all the new videos and DVDs the library gets in almost every day.

I am always surprised by what has been ordered and sometimes even more surprised by what I find already in the collection. You may encounter an old forgotten favorite, or perhaps a new top film to add to your list.

Also, this past year a Film Studies program was added to the college curriculum. With this came a deluge of new DVDs. Some of the new ones that have been ordered for Film

Studies include: *Cache*, *Crash*, *Manderlay*, *Virgin Suicides* and *Winter Soldier*. These five are just a drop in the bucket.

You may have read about students' interest in developing a fee-based DVD Lending Library ("Pick Your Flick at Trexler Library," 3/22/2007), to be hosted by the library.

Library staff are investigating options to better meet students' needs, but in the meantime, did you know that the library has over 2,177 feature films along with documentaries, performing arts videos, foreign language films, whole series of popular TV shows like *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* and *The Sopranos*, plus many others across the disciplines.

Access to the collection is free for all of the Muhlenberg community and each video or DVD can be kept for three days. If you have a long weekend and need more than one video, feel free to check out up to six audio-visual items at one time. Expand your blockbuster horizons!

Now let's see if you know what is in our collection! Have you heard of the following famous quotes before? Name the movies in which these well-known words were spoken. Cut

out this section, fill in your answers, and drop them off at the Circulation Desk in the Library. One lucky student will win a gift certificate to a local movie theater!

- 1) "Yeah, they're dead. They're all messed up."
- 2) "Come on now! This is America. Time is money."
- 3) "He's off the map! He's off the map!"
- 4) "On second thought let's not go to Camelot. It's a silly place."
- 5) "Houston, we have a problem."
- 6) "As if!"
- 7) "They're called boobs, Ed."
- 8) "You betcha!"
- 9) "May the force be with you."
- 10) "I'll be back."
- 11) "My precious."
- 12) "A boy's best friend is his mother."
- 13) "Show me the money!"
- 14) "It's alive! It's alive!"
- 15) "Are you gonna bark all day little doggies, or are you gonna bite?"

One entry per student. Winner will be drawn from the entries with the most correct answers. Submit entries by Thurs., Apr. 26. Drawing will be held and winner will be notified by Mon., Apr. 30.

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SUMMER STUDY

Girl's Next Door Final Concert



The Girls Next Door held their Spring Final Concert on Sun., Apr. 15 at 4:30 p.m. in Miller Forum. Singing to a full audience, these musical ladies performed a wide variety of musical hits, ranging from modern radio tunes such as "Black Horse and the Cherry Tree" and a premier of "Don't Speak," to oldies (but goodies) such as "Son of a Preacher Man" and "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy." Several Girls Next Door alumnus joined the group on stage, and the concert also featured two senior soloist arrangements for graduating members Megan DiPaolo and Cara Scharf. DiPaolo, responsible for over half of the song arrangements for the Girl's final concert venue, arranged and sang Rilo Kiley's "Portions for Foxes." Fellow senior Scharf arranged and sang a beautiful rendition of the Tori Amos song "Ribbons Undone." The Girls Next Door also showed their humorous side with an encore performance of TLC's hit "No Scrubs," donning hoodies and leaving the audience laughing with their on-stage TLC antics. The concert was a hit and marked another successful year of musical performance for the Girls.

COMPILED BY KIM O'BRIEN

DTD Benefit Concert



Delta Tau Delta and MAC held a benefit concert on Fri, Apr. 13 in the Garden Room. The bands included Paulsen, Thank You Scientist, Stab the Matador, Trademark and A.Lex. The money made from donations went towards the Jolie Foundation, which provides surgical services to orphans and less fortunate children.

PHOTOS BY MEREDITH CLINTON

Mules gain momentum and go 3-2

By Frank Citera
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The Muhlenberg Baseball Team went 3-2 on a week that started off with three straight wins and Mule bats pumping out over 15 runs in each game, breaking a school record. The Mules started off the week with a win Monday against Moravian to clinch the Matte Award for Muhlenberg. They then took on the Swarthmore



Pomroy, who had six hits, tied the all-time record for hits in a game.

Garnett and swept their season series by winning on Tuesday with a score of 16-6, followed by a slugfest on Friday when they won 18-12. The Mules then lost both of their games on Saturday to the Gettysburg Bullets.

Senior starting pitcher David Andrew went six innings, giving up only five hits and striking out four to earn the first win of his career. Senior second baseman Ryan Sassaman led the Mules with four hits. Senior first baseman Mike Hart and senior designated hitter Pete Oris each had three hits apiece for the Mules. After the game, Andrew said, "The defense did a fantastic job today, and that gave me the confidence to pitch. Good offense and good defense--that's how you win." The Mules have now won the Matte Award for the last four seasons in a row.

On Tuesday, the Mules beat up on the Garnett by scoring 16 runs. Leading the attack for the Mules was senior first baseman Tom McDonald who had four hits to go along with two RBI. Oris had a triple and three RBI while sophomore Chris Conti had a double and a triple to go with his two RBI. Freshman starting pitcher Phil Cresta earned his third win of the season, giving the Mules another outstanding pitching performance. After the game, McDonald said, "It feels good to be swinging the bat again. I used to play first base in high school and have only been a pitcher for my first three years here. It feels great to get another win under our belt. Hopefully, we can keep it up."

The Mules traveled to Swarthmore for their

game on Friday and wound up winning 18-12. It was the first time in Muhlenberg's baseball history that a team put up more than 15 runs in three consecutive days. Junior Joe Carlo hit Muhlenberg's first home run of the season, surpassing the 100-hit mark for his career. Freshman short-stop Eric Pomroy also had a milestone day by tying the Mules all-time mark with six hits in the game. The Mules plated eight runs in the first inning to come out with an early lead and never looked back. The Garnett came within three runs of tying it up in the eighth inning, but the Mules turned to senior pitcher Eric Wolfer, who shut down the rally by striking out the first two batters he faced to get the Mules out of the jam. Wolfer has a team leading 1.86 ERA this season and has struck out a ridiculous 14 batters in 9 and 2/3 innings pitched.

The Mules then dropped both games on Saturday afternoon to the Gettysburg Bullets, who happened to have the fourth best ERA in all of Division III. A few side notes on the record watch for the Mules: Sassaman is now in sixth place all-time with 96 runs scored, fourth place all time with 142 hits and tied for third place in SB and hit by pitch, with 41 and 24 respectively. Oris moved into third place on the career RBI list with 101, only ten away from breaking the record. He is also sixth all-time in hits with 134, fifth in doubles with 26, third in total bases with 207 and fifth with 44 extra base hits.

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SUMMER STUDY

Men's Lacrosse playoff push falls just short

By Chris Frusci
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The end of the season has been somewhat of a disappointment for the Men's Lacrosse Team as they failed to reach the playoffs for the fourth consecutive season since they joined Division III in 2003. "It has been our goal since the end of last season," said junior attackman Mickey Norton. "It is very disappointing when you cannot achieve your team goal."

The Mules' playoff hopes were alive up until their game on Apr. 7 against Franklin & Marshall. At that point, they would have been guaranteed a playoff spot if they won the last four Conference games and finished with a Conference mark of 5-3.

However, Franklin & Marshall had different plans, almost completely dissipating the Mules' playoff hopes at Scotty Wood Stadium where they defeated the Mules 12-7. The Diplomats wanted to especially seek revenge because Muhlenberg defeated them last year in what was their first Centennial Conference win since the program started in 2003. Franklin & Marshall jumped out to a 6-0 lead and never looked back as the Mules' closest deficit after that was three goals. Many of the Diplomats' goals came on extra man opportunities, a situation where

Muhlenberg has had some trouble with all season long, despite the strong play from the defense otherwise. Norton led all scorers for the Mules with five points (two goals, three assists) while junior midfielder Kyle Farris added four points (three goals, one assist).

At this point, they headed into Dickinson College on Apr. 11 knowing that their playoff chances were extremely slim but still wanting to make a statement. "We have never beaten Dickinson before so we were still very much focused heading into it," said junior midfielder Mike Brown. The Mules needed to win out and have a lot of outside help in order to crack the last playoff spot. A very talented Dickinson team erased that confusion early on when they jumped out to a 6-0 lead, which later amounted to an 11-3 final. The Mules were held in check as they were out shot 30 to 18 and only were able to score once in the first half. Dickinson is currently ranked second in the Conference and has had some votes for top-25 in the country.

Now, the playoff hopes were completely diminished heading into the McDaniel game on Sat., Apr. 14. "Although our goal of making the playoffs was no longer realistic, winning our last two games would help keep making strides to establish us as a force in the Centennial Conference," said Brown. The Mules have yet to

beat McDaniel as well, so that was another reason to help stay composed. The composure paid off as the Mules outlasted the Green Terror in a convincing 12-8 win. What made this a "feel-good" win was the fact that it was a total team effort. Eight different Mules contributed to the scoring and Norton led all scorers with six points while sophomore Andrew Lolley had a game-high three goals. Freshman goalie Andrew Bell also had his highest save total in Conference play with 12. Muhlenberg was down 4-2 at the half and then turned on the burners as they went on to score five goals in each of the last two quarters.

The Mules have a long stretch of two weeks before their last game on Sat., Apr. 28 at home against Ursinus. When asked how to stay focused for these last two weeks, Norton replied, "We want to play this one for the seniors and get a big win at home to close out the season. We're definitely still motivated and we've been working hard all season so we're not going to give up."

Muhlenberg has lost their last game of the season for the last two years and would not like to make it three. "We've had a bad taste in our mouths heading into the last two off-seasons so we want to change that for this off-season," said Norton.

Golf Teams find their stroke



Snow '09 shot an 82 at the Lebanon Valley Spring Tournament.

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By Victoria Davis
SPORTS EDITOR

Golf has officially begun their new season. On day one of the McDaniel Nike Spring Invitational on Sat., Mar. 31, freshman Kimberly Snyder opened the season in record-breaking fashion for the Mules. She broke her own school record by shooting a three-over par 75 in the first round at the Links at Gettysburg. The next day she came back for round two and shot an 83 on the final 18 holes, giving her a total of 158 to set a new school record for a two-round event.

Snyder and the rest of her team did not get a break. On Mon., Apr. 2, they competed in the Muhlenberg Invitational. The Mules placed second overall out of four complete teams, finishing 27 strokes ahead of third-place Dickinson. With a team score of 384, Muhlenberg recorded their second best score ever, helped by Snyder who shot an 84 for second place, senior Kristen Amore who shot a 91 and junior Dana Lynn Bielecki who finished with 93.

On Fri., Apr. 6, the Mules played through tough weather conditions in the first round of Columbia's Roar-ee

Spring Invitational. Snyder once again had a strong showing with a score of 87. Next up was the Ursinus Invitational on Tues., Apr. 10 where Bielecki led the Mules with a score of 99.

The Men's Golf Team has found similar success, opening their season on Mon., Apr. 2 at the Lebanon Valley Spring Tournament. Muhlenberg tied for eighth out of 23 teams in a close contest. Sophomore Bill Snow led the Mules with 82 and freshman Paul D'Auria shot an 84. Next up was the Hershey Country Club East Course for the Elizabethtown Blue Jay Classic on Thurs. Apr. 12. The Mules finished fourth out of 15 total teams, with junior Garrett Carpenter tying for third out of 84 golfers with a career-low 73. Freshman Biff Slocum also hit a career-low mark with 74, tying for fifth in this competition. At the Lafayette Invitational on Sat., Apr. 14, Muhlenberg found themselves as the only Division III team on the course, but beating two Division I teams. Carpenter again came out with a strong showing, shooting an 81.

Seniors lead on their day

By Brandon Mefford
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Who would have thought that in the middle of April, there would be temperatures barely in the 40s? But the seniors on the Softball Team wouldn't let the weather take away from their Senior Day. The four ladies were honored with flowers and gifts but then made their day even more special by picking up two Conference wins. Senior Nicole Washburn pitched a great first game with a five-hit shutout, her seventh of her career and struck out seven batters. Sophomores Sam Crist and RiRi Ferrigno batted in the two runs of the game, and the Mules won 2-0. Washburn stated, "These games were very important. We needed a sweep, not only for our confidence but also to help our chances of making the Conference playoffs."

During the second game, the bats caught fire as the Mules exploded for season highs of 13 runs and 18 hits. Senior Hilary Marinchak had three hits including a triple and scored three runs. Senior Tina Roth went 3-for-4 with three RBI's. The team also got some help from the underclassman as freshmen Jenna Van Waalwijk, Allie Saltstein and Katie Smithson went 7-for-12 on the day and batted in five runs. Sophomore Lara Kestenbaum picked up her third win of the season. "This game was really special," said Washburn of Senior Day. "If I had to play my last year of softball, I'm glad it's with this group of girls."

The Mules are sitting pretty in the Centennial Conference with a Conference record of 5-3 and 8-14 record overall. They have a big weekend planned ahead with a double-header scheduled for Apr. 19 against Dickinson who has a Conference record of 2-4 and a 9-10 overall record. The team will travel to McDaniel who has posted a 4-4 Conference record and are 12-14 overall on Saturday for another double-header.



Marinchak and her teammates took their offense to the next level as they reached season highs.

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Women's Lacrosse comes up short

By Victoria Davis
SPORTS EDITOR

On Wed., Apr. 4, Women's Lacrosse sought out their first victory against the No. 2 Franklin & Marshall Diplomats, but despite a solid effort, was unable to pull it off. Dropping the game 19-9, the Mules fought hard throughout and even took early leads, but could not hold on. Freshman Amanda McGovern led the Mules with a hat trick, and sophomore Ruth Morrongiello and senior Katie Reimann also added two goals apiece, but it was not enough as the Diplomats scored a string of goals in the second half and never looked back.

Shaking off the loss, the Mules then looked to their match against Washington (MD) on Sat., Apr. 7. Playing on their home turf, Muhlenberg was locked in a close one with a tie score with just 4:20 left in the second half. Unfortunately, a foul on the defensive by the Mules set up the game-winning goal for Washington with barely over a minute left. McGovern scored a hat trick yet again and Morrongiello added three goals as well, while defensively junior Maura Lane picked up five ground balls.

Looking to snap their losing streak, the team headed to Bryn Mawr on Wed., Apr. 14. In a Centennial

Conference game, the Mules were tied once again in the second half, 9-9. However, the Mules were able to break free and score five more goals to take the win 14-11. Morrongiello had another strong game, recording two goals, while six other players found the back of the net as well. Reimann scored six points (five goals, one assist), junior Taylor Armstrong added six points as well (two goals, four assists) and junior Marissa Capuano finished with two goals, one assist, four caused turnovers and five ground balls. Sophomore Marguerite Farrell also contributed defensively, picking up five ground balls while senior Kelli Sakonchick tallied six.

Next up was Swarthmore, and the Mules found themselves with another outcome that was difficult to swallow. The Mules seemed to be in perfect control late in the game, leading 13-7, but in the final minutes, Swarthmore pulled off several straight goals to take the win 14-13. Armstrong tallied five points (four goals and one assist) and sophomore Sara Hiller scored three goals. Sakonchick had another strong defensive outing, picking up seven ground balls, and in goal, Caroline Shadood made 14 saves. The Mules' overall record moved to 8-4 for the season, 2-4 in the Centennial Conference.



McGovern has scored hat tricks in consecutive games this season while continuing to contribute defensively.

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Track and Field Teams break school records

By Maura Hendsey
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

On Sat., Apr. 7, the Men's and Women's Track and Field Teams traveled to Princeton for the Sam Howell Invitational where they competed against both Division I and Division II schools. Despite the frigid weather, several athletes turned in strong performances for the Mules. For the second meet in a row, senior Sarah Mitchell surpassed the NCAA provisional standard in the javelin. Mitchell's throw of 131-11 clinched second place overall. Seeing as Mitchell did not qualify for the NCAA Championships until Apr. 23 in 2006, she seems to be well ahead of schedule this season. In addition to Mitchell, the Mules received another three ECAC qualifying performances. Senior Rachel Drosdick qualified once again in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 15.87 seconds. Both the Men's and Women's 4x100 meter relay

teams also ran qualifying times. The Men's Relay Team of Brendan Kirk '10, Dan Steinhart '08, Eric Miller '10 and Jeremiah Lachaud '10 qualified for the third time with a time of 44.14 seconds. The Women's Team of Jacquelyn Inverso '07, Lauren Carballo '07, Emily Karel '08 and Alex Faust '10 qualified for the first time this season, running a time of 52.31 seconds. Numerous athletes excelled in individual events as well. Kirk placed fifth overall in the 400 meter hurdles with a time of 57.93 seconds, while Faust took eighth place in the 100 meters in a time of 13.29 seconds. Also performing well were Inverso in the triple jump and Lachaud in the 100 meters.

This past weekend both teams traveled to Bucknell University to compete in the Bison Outdoor Classic. In this two-day competition, Muhlenberg runners set two new school records. Faust ran a time of 26.37 seconds in the

200 meters, breaking the previous record by one-hundredth of a second. The Men's 4x800 Relay Team of Lex Mercado '07, Pat Thornton '10, Steve Rothwell '07 and Stuart Udis '09 also set a new record, combining for a time of 7:54.37. The Relay Team finished in second place overall, shattering the previous school record by more than three seconds. Senior Tim Seeley's time of 15:17.07 in the 5000 meters was a personal best and ranks second on Muhlenberg's all-time performance list. Two women's distance runners, junior Sarah Gearin and sophomore Janette Adams, also achieved success in the 5000 meters, both running ECAC qualifying times. Adams finished in 18:45.79, while Gearin was close behind with a time of 18:51.49. Both the Men's and Women's Track and Field Teams will return to action on Sat., Apr. 21 at Moravian's Greyhound Invitational.



Mitchell's performance earned her second place overall in the javelin.

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Women's Tennis top trio leads its team to victory

By Victoria Davis
SPORTS EDITOR

Women's Tennis was impressive against Ursinus on Tues., Apr. 10, shutting their Centennial Conference opponent out 9-0. Sophomores Jenn Powell and Carly Rotfeld along with senior Pam Kimmelman won their No. 1 doubles match and also won their singles matches. Junior Jacquelyn Magner and sophomores Maddy Goldfarb and Olga Skoropad also contributed singles wins in the solid victory against the Bears.

Two days later on Thurs., Apr. 12, the Mules took on Elizabethtown but were unable to come out victorious, losing 4-5. Powell and Kimmelman won their No. 1 doubles match, 8-6 and also won their No. 1 and No. 2 singles matches, respectively. Rotfeld also had an impressive showing, beating her No. 3 singles opponent 6-1, 6-1, improving her overall record to 10-0.

On Sat., Apr. 14, the team battled another

Centennial Conference team, Swarthmore. Kimmelman, Rotfeld and Goldfarb all won their singles matches, but the team fell to Swarthmore 6-3. However, the very next day they were able to come back and beat the Gettysburg Bullets 5-4 on Senior Day. The lone senior, Pam Kimmelman, helped the Mules to victory winning 6-0; 6-2 in the Centennial Conference matchup. At No. 2, doubles, Rotfeld and freshman Danielle Weiss beat the Bullets by taking the final five games to win 8-4. Powell, Kimmelman and Rotfeld all won in straight sets in the singles slots, with Rotfeld an undefeated 12-0. The team's overall record moved to 5-5, 5-3.

The Men's Tennis Team has played little lately, with their matches against Albright and Ramapo being postponed and rained out. However, they were able to get one recent match played against Washington (MD) on Sat., Apr. 14 where they lost a tough one, 9-0.



Kimmelman and Powell have become a force for the Mules, pairing up at No. 1 doubles.

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Lane and Knepp leave community service office

By Beth Schwartz
WEEKLY COPY EDITOR

Mahatma Gandhi once said, "Be the change you wish to see in the world." This proverb belongs nowhere else on this campus but on a wall in the Community Service Office, where it is admired and applied every day. At the College, over half of the students have done some form of Community Service, thanks to Valerie Lane, Director of Community Service, and Lindsey Knepp, Assistant Director of Community Service. The Community Service Office coordinates the after-school programs for young students in inner-city Allentown, including Casa Guadalupe, The Caring Place, Sixth Street Shelter, Doc Works

and Jefferson Arts and Crafts. They also take credit for big events and programs through S.H.A.R.E. (Students Have A Real Effect), such as Best Buddies as well as organize Ten Thousand Villages, the annual Pinebrook Holiday Party and Big For a Day.

Lane has been Director for 11 years and Knepp has been the Assistant Director for three years, yet neither will be returning to the College in Fall 2007. Lane and her husband are moving to Germany for three years. She will move back to Allentown, but sadly won't be back at the College. "I'm hoping to have lots of visitors from the College Community. They can email me and I will meet them somewhere in Europe, or they can come visit me in

"What often goes unnoticed is the way in which the Community Service Office serves our own Muhlenberg community."

Melissa Berman '09

Kassel, Germany," Lane has committed to keeping in touch with all of the friends she has made and people with whom she has worked. Knepp is going to attend Graduate School to earn her Masters in Public Health. Lane says that she will do great at Graduate School. She said, "Lindsey was a top graduate here, and got an A+ in Organic Chemistry!"

Lane became the Director when Christopher Hooker-Haring, Dean of Admission and Financial Aid, asked Lane to temporarily fill-in as a replacement for the former Director of Community Service when she took maternity leave, for they knew Lane well through all of the events in which she was involved throughout Allentown. "Lane has been energetic and visionary in connecting Muhlenberg students to the wider Lehigh Valley community. She has also worked with Muhlenberg faculty to connect community service to the academic program through a variety of service learning opportunities," said Hooker-Haring.

Lane's volunteering gave her many other contacts with whom she still keeps in touch today. Some of the many partnerships that Lane is proud of include VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) and the connection that the office has made with The Caring Place Family Health clinic. Some of the events that Lane is proud of include Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, Dance for a Cure, Poverty Week and Mental Health Awareness Week. Lane is proud of these events and so many others because the students

Environmental-friendly resolution passed by Student Council

By Emily Rabson
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

On Thurs., Apr. 19, Student Council proposed that the College sign the President's Climate Commitment pledge, promising to take steps to create a campus devoted to sustainability and helping the environment. This notion was passed by Student Council during Earth Week as the primary focus for that day.

Adrian Shanker '09, explained, "We sponsored this resolution on behalf of EnAcT (Environmental Action Team). Over 160 colleges and universities have signed on.

Shanker added, "The photos were compiled into a photo petition slide show and are being presented to President Helm along with the unanimously passed resolution asking him to sign on. The deadline to sign the pledge is June 30th. We very much hope the President will do this before then."

Kim Nguyen '07, talks of campus involvement in order to increase awareness of this project. She said the College "took a photo petition of over 200 students, faculty and staff holding a sign asking the President to sign this agreement."

Jackie Dearborn '09, an active member of EnAcT, speaks highly of this resolution. She said, "It's basically [a way] to make the campus carbon neutral over a period of years." She stresses that, "It's very open-ended. The campus can choose, say two of six [items from the list] to work towards this goal." Dearborn added that the College has already begun working towards the goal of this program. She said, "We have even done some things

already [such as making] the New Science Building led certified."

The exact words appearing on the "Resolution Concerning the Presidential Climate Commitment" which the President is asked to sign state, "There is no financial obligation to signing the pledge. If President Helm signs, he commits himself to setting up a mechanism (committee, task force, etc.) within 2 months to guide the process, completing an inventory of greenhouse gas emissions within 1 year, creating and implementing a climate neutral plan within 2 years, taking 2/6 immediate steps specified in the commitment to reduce greenhouse gas, integrating sustainability into the curriculum and making it part of the educational experience."

The Resolution makes its purpose clear from the beginning saying that fighting against global warming is the fight for this generation. It stresses that "Muhlenberg has a duty to not only provide its students with a strong education, but also to actively support a sustainable future; specifically by taking responsibility for the College's environmental impacts."

Shanker believes that this cause is universal throughout the campus. "President Helm has received letters asking him to sign this by EnAcT, College Hillel, and now Student Council--as well as the Alliance for Sustainable Communities of the Lehigh Valley," he explained. "This resolution was meant to apply a friendly amount of pressure on the President's Office, so that he knows that this is something that the Student Body wants him to do."



Val Lane and Lindsey Knepp's hard work will be missed in the Community Service Office.

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THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

Jamie Schneider
Editor-in-Chief

Watch your back: Help the College help its Student Body

The 2006 - 2007 academic year has come and gone, and like most of the students at the College, one of the first things I look forward to each week is reading the Campus Safety Notes. Reflecting on a year of good and bad events on campus, I cannot help but recall the number of times I remember reading about "unauthorized persons" reported: Homeless men sleeping in the bathrooms, naked men running through MacGregor Village and countless other encounters of students with people who do not belong at the College. It's all quite shocking.

This week, a Campus Safety Note read, "Apr. 20 - Unauthorized Person - A student reported that an unauthorized person was in Taylor Hall. The man was given a letter of trespass." He was later escorted off of campus by Campus Safety. This 'unauthorized person' happens to be an estranged relative of mine who managed to find out where I live and knocked on my dorm room door all by word of mouth from other students of the College.

I was immediately stunned when, after talking to my neighbor later that day, I learned that this man had not only entered Taylor and found my room, but had managed to loiter in the lobby for over two hours and ask people if they knew where I was. Not even a week after the Virginia Tech tragedy, I was left fearing for my life in the Muhlenberg College bubble, a place I like to call home.

Although the person behind the gun at Virginia Tech was a member of the Student Body, the man who made his way to my door was a disheveled, nearly 70 year-old man, who had no place on this College's campus.

I understand that the Senior Staff has emergency response protocols for situations such as the one that occurred on the Virginia Tech campus, however, after an incident such as the one that happened to me on Friday morning, I can't help but second-guess the system. The administration is only as strong as the Student Body it is trying to protect. So, I urge you to think twice before answering questions and letting people into dorms and to call Campus Safety if you spot any entity you feel may threaten the safety of our caring college community.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

Thank you to *The Weekly* for raising awareness of the Health Center's Excuse Note Policy. Such a policy is in existence due to the frequent requests by students asking the Health Center to issue an excuse note to professors for missed work, missed exams and missed classes. In accordance with many other colleges and universities, the Health Center does not routinely issue medical excuses covering absence from class or any other academic assignment. The Health Center encourages students to contact professors directly to discuss missed classes, assignments and exams. Given extraordinary circumstances, such as hospitalizations, the Director of the Health Center, upon student request, may notify professors of absences for serious medical issues.

Another issue which was briefly addressed within this article is that of confidentiality. The author of the original article wrote "apparently the Health Center is not allowed to talk with professors." Confidentiality of Health Center medical records is strictly maintained according to HIPAA policy. Therefore, students should be aware that medical information is not released to professors without the student's consent.

Lastly, the author of this article did mention that she was sick over the weekend, but the Health Center was closed. The Health Center has an "on-call" system to address such instances. During the fall and spring semesters, there is a nurse on call 24 hours, 7 days per week. She can be contacted by calling Campus Safety.

We invite all students to visit the web site for the Health Center to further understand our policy and services. We are here to support our student's health. We will continue to work with students and the faculty as students pursue their college career and move into the next stage of life.

Thank you, again, for the comments. And stop in and see us sometime. As the author of the original article said...we are all pretty friendly!

Brynnmarie Dorsey
Director of Student Health Services

Health Center policies explained

A picture is worth a thousand words, but ethics are priceless

By Kim O'Brien
WEEKLY ASST. LIFE EDITOR

They say a photo is worth a thousand words.
How many sentences, then, is a video worth?

Two million viewers on CNN, 1,550,000 result hits on Google, countless minutes of coverage on news broadcasting stations and a hell of a lot of controversy.

How did you first learn of the shocking news of the Virginia Tech shootings? Perhaps the news surfaced on your computer screen while surfing the web. Maybe a friend told you. You might have been in the gym and glanced at the television to see the breaking story. My first introduction to the tragedy was at the end of a class when a classmate of mine went online and found a cell phone video recorded by Virginia Tech graduate student, Jamal Albarghouti, featuring the gunshot sounds of the mass murder.

This infamous cell phone recording has made it evident that we are in the midst of a media revolution, in which video sites like YouTube.com are beginning to dominate both the entertainment and news world. A new form of reportage, often referred to as "citizen journalism," has emerged. We live in a society where image has preceded spoken and written word in our relentless search for "the facts." A picture (or in this case, a five-minute video) affirms reality. Yes, a camera can capture truth, but what happens when these images cross the boundaries of ethical journalism. What happens when it compromises the dignity of those affected by the tragedy?

I understand the potential value of Albarghouti's video in aiding authorities in their investigations. But the needless repetition and manner in which this clip has been presented crosses the line. The proof is in the numbers. CNN reported that the online video attracted more than two million views by the Tuesday morning of the event. I Google-searched the topic "V.A. Tech cell phone video" and found 1,550,000 results, many granting

easy access to the film clip on websites ranging from mainstream news sites like CNN to obscure web-pages such as buzzhumor.com. The clip is often titled by boldfaced news headlines, commanding us, as viewers, to "WATCH," "SEE THE POLICE" and "HEAR THE GUNSHOTS." Like so much media coverage today, this news is presented as a show, encouraging us to give into those impulsive tendencies to click and watch. News sites twist the meanings of image captions to suit their agendas, whether it is for gun control, pointing the finger of blame and so on. To manipulate this controversial footage and propagandize it is not just disrespectful to the victims, but to those who lost someone in the tragedy.

We want news, and we want it fast, but oftentimes the demand for news begins to blur the ethical quotas of news reporting. As a student journalist, I am in no way advocating for news and media censorship. The relentless overplaying, however, of tapes and unnecessary images, such as material sent by killer Cho Seung-Hui to NBC, no longer focuses on the news, but a desensitized and almost brutish desire to view the gory details. The airing of this was senseless and disrespectful to the victims and those who knew them.

So, before you log onto the Internet and click on that infamous cell phone video clip, take a second and think. Think about the lives claimed by the shots that echoed in Albarghouti's video. Think about the chaotic array of media coverage of the events and think of those who are unable to control the mainstreaming of images and media portraying the day they lost someone close to them. Most importantly, think of the Virginia Tech campus community that must continually relive the horrors of April 16, 2007, day in and day out, through the ever-growing demand and collection of media images.

"Oh, my Muhlenberg"

By Max Lux

WEEKLY OP/ED COLUMNIST

My laptop fights infections, as I stare dead-alive through dirty glasses at the blinking cursor on this blank infernal screen. It's never how to end that's been my problem, but rather, how to begin. The first words are always the hardest, especially amidst the din of late night Seegers Union; and the inherent disharmony of rehearsing acapella groups combined with a swiftly-closing Java Joe's does well to mirror my own haste, trying to meet my long-dead deadline. I feel bad for my editor, the guy seems pretty nice, and the inherent lateness of this article will probably only make his job all the more difficult, but I have to write when the moment strikes, and that moment hasn't hit until now.

I came here four years ago with the sole notion that I could write well if given the impetus and inspiration. Several dozen courses later, I have learned the following concerning my academic abilities: I cannot do philosophy at 8 a.m., Monday through Friday, I communicate best in spoken English, I am one of the few people to recognize the comic book as a viable component of English literature, I can actually write passably.

One other talent, however, has found its way into my repertoire, whether as the manifestation of some unique gift or the curse of some long-thought dead psychic deformity: I notice things. It's an ambiguous term for an ambiguous talent, perhaps some subconscious attempt to make sense of everything or an obsessive compulsion to bring order to chaos. This talent has been honed and nurtured by some of the finest minds in academia: from brilliant, raven-haired experts of popular culture, to dead-pan smirking cinephiles with a penchant for Neo-realism, to a certain

bearded, balding doctor of English (no, the shorter, sarcastic one). They have given me the ability to speak my mind, analyze anything and have inspired a confidence in my abilities that I never imagined possible. Thank you.

This article started as an excuse for me to finally vent on all of the horrible, glaring flaws that have scarred my Muhlenberg experience, a long-winded statement

The Devil You Know

blasting everything that infuriates me daily. The original plan was to go through a day in my college life, working through the endless construction, apathetic junior academics, ridiculous expenses, obnoxious over-actors, pointlessly stupid Greek organizations, talentless student performers and seemingly pointless organizations competing for my attention and funding. Yet, when I sat down to actually think back on everything, to try to condense every nitpick, every slight I have experienced into a cohesive, vitriolic argument and article, I found myself instead overwhelmed by feelings of love and admiration.

I have wrestled three women at once in a freezing cold kiddie pool filled with liquid Jello. One afternoon in early October 2003, I watched the stars from atop a Mack truck standing derelict on the fairgrounds raceway. I've had nearly every object removed from my room (including the bed-frame and mattress) and scattered throughout campus as part of an elaborate prank complete with rhyming clues. I've watched the snow fall over powder-white valleys with the most beautiful woman imaginable. I have been both Ranger Max and Smokey the Bear. I have read

Sin City aloud on a couch outside, much to the chagrin of passerby and campus tours.

My work has been described as causing the 'best efforts of my peers to pale in comparison.' I have hypothesized the ideal escape routes for a Muhlenberg-based zombie invasion with the best friend and nemesis I can possibly imagine. I have witnessed and reveled in the mind-boggling relationship between a brilliantly insane Jerseyite and the diminutive beauty he has affectionately dubbed 'pleasure hole.'

Many a night has been lost to *The Weekly* office in the ML underground, losing sanity and patience as the hours ticked slowly until dawn, fueled by cola and willpower. I have learned to fear and respect William Hartwell.

The trio of She-hulk, Stringbean and Taco (all of whom, undoubtedly hate their nicknames) have been given an excuse to visit me, if only for a beer, a hike or a viewing of *Godzilla*. The devil on my shoulder is a Puerto Rican sex goddess, the angel my photogenic drunken sparring partner.

I have visited downtown Allentown, to the extent of first street, and survived. An artistically gorgeous Macedonian and a large-chested Baptist have

taught me the limits of bad and good taste, respectively. I have found peace at 3 a.m. writing *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* fanfiction as it slowly began to snow. Everything may inevitably come back to that day in August 2003

when we all met Goliath, the world's largest horse, and walked until our feet were blistered, when friendships were young and simple, and your hair was still colored brilliant red. I have fallen in love with vitality itself, given corporeal form. Almost every Wednesday I have walked to the comic book shop, past the chain-link fence of the fairgrounds, relishing the endless shadows of autumn, the snow underfoot in winter and the warmth and promise of spring.

That has been my college experience, and that's how I will remember Muhlenberg.

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Some of it you no doubt understand. Some of it defies description and the rest you just had to be there.

I notice things, both good and bad, and I analyze everything. It's midnight and the only song in my head is a familiar tune from candle-light convocations long past: I love to sit and think and dream, / And oft conspire. / And yet amid the swelling stream / of fond desire. Oh, my Muhlenberg, I've noticed how you've grown around me and through me, helping me to finally become the person I had always dreamed. Thank you for your time, and goodbye.

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Taking one last glimpse back



Joe Caporoso
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

It has been an eventful year of following world news and politics for The Muhlenberg Weekly. Over the course of the 2006-2007 academic year, America has had more than its share of incidents that have charged raging debates.

The number one story has remained our ongoing conflict in Iraq. War is always a divisive issue, and with the power switching in Congress from Republican to Democrat, even more options and plans are making headlines. Unfortunately, behind all of the discussion, American soldiers are dying at an alarming rate as Iraq continues to come closer and closer to civil war. Without a doubt, the number one issue in the 2008 Presidential elec-

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tion will be the course of action for our military in the Middle East.

The topic of the Presidential Election in 2008 has also been a headline grabber. Big names from both parties are the frontrunners. Interestingly, the top two candidates from the Democratic Party are a woman and an African-American. Whether Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama win the primary, both will be looking to make history as the world will find out if America is ready for either a woman or an African-American in the White House. The battle on the Republican side should come down to Rudy Guiliani and John McCain, who both could take the Republican Party in a radically different direction than President Bush has in the last eight years.

Other main issues in the headlines have included a collection of racist outburst from celebrities. Mel Gibson, Michael Richards and most recently, Don Imus have all embarrassed themselves with regrettable comments. All of these stories have shown that there still needs to be dialogue about race relations in this country.

With whatever issues that have arisen, I have enjoyed trying to represent an informed opinion in this publication. I appreciate anyone who has sent feedback in Letters to the Editor, including those who adamantly disagreed with my writings. I look forward to coming back next fall with a whole new

Seniors: Read this

By Ben Jackson
OP/ED EDITOR

"This is it; Don't get scared now!"

Those were the famous words of caution and advice uttered by Macaulay Culkin in *Home Alone 2* to our generation, 17 years ago when we were about to embark on our new educational journey towards Muhlenberg. Now, that time seems so long ago to many of us, especially for my fellow seniors. Yet, the abandoned child's words might be one of the more relevant pieces of advice in the inevitable barrage of post-graduation wisdom that is heaped upon us.

This, the end of senior year and the culmination of our four year legacy here, is not our last hurrah, it is only the opening Scotty Wood tournament of the greater season to come. The road from here on out might be perilous, filled with a lot of advice and very little direction, but the opportunity to finally show the world who you really are has arrived. A wise man once said, "You are only a child once, but you can be immature for a lifetime." We can all still continue to be who we are. Being dispersed across the nation in professional settings with new "real world" responsibilities and physically removed from our cherished Muhlenberg friends and enemies, it becomes hard to not lose track of who you have become amongst all the thinking of who you should become.

The race for success has already begun in the minds of many seniors and the one who has the most money and prestige when they die wins. For some seniors, this is who you might have always been, while for others it is something you might have evolved into over the years. Although money is important and I hope that all of you ultimately have enough to support yourselves, your families and your lifestyle of choice, I don't think it should be the most important thing in our lives. Spending time with others

(sharing your personality, thoughts and feelings), fighting for a cause, helping others, having fun, remaining true to yourself and not compromising your values are also of importance (and in many cases more important than achieving wealth or a high status position). I am not saying that you can't achieve all of the previously mentioned things while pursuing wealth and power, but just like the skydiver who made sure he had his camera before he jumped, but forgot his parachute, it is very important to have your priorities in order.

I would like to challenge my fellow seniors and myself to a different kind of race: race for change.

This race will involve more fun, passion and happiness for all who partake and even for some who don't. Pick one thing that you dislike about the world today and no matter what your career path will be, try to create a change in that area for the better. The '07 alumni who has had the most fun and created the most change by our 10-year reunion wins (even though under school policy, I am pretty sure that we are all winners at Muhlenberg, unless you get a really high housing number, in which case you are definitely not a winner). You can participate in this race three-legged style with a partner, relay style with a network of friends, in a series of sprints or with a long distance stride (hurdles will be provided at random depending on what goal you choose to pursue and whether or not you listen to country music). Do this Life Relay for your friends, your families, your future families; most importantly, you should do it for yourself and a better world for everyone.

Seniors, this mission is yours if you chose to accept it. You will never get any hassling telemarketing calls, even ones about self-destructing
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A diversity of problems in reacting to Virginia Tech

By Nadine Goldman
WEEKLY OP/ED WRITER

One of the strangest things I read following the mass shooting at Virginia Tech was

a press release by the Asian American Journalists Association (AAJA), which stated that "like the rest of the nation, we at the AAJA are stunned" by the news of the shooting at Virginia Tech. It went on to say that "as coverage of the Virginia Tech shooting continues to unfold, AAJA urges all media to avoid using racial identifiers unless there is a compelling or germane reason." There have been reports of Korean students at Virginia Tech leaving campus in fear of backlash. The South Korean government has expressed its shock that the Virginia Tech tragedy was caused by a South Korean permanent resident and assured that it was taking safety measures for Koreans in the United States.

I expected the inevitable gun rights debate after this kind of tragedy. I expected the blame game, the finger-pointing at various school officials and the discussion over what the school could have and/or should have done.

I didn't expect this perceived backlash against Koreans or Asians. To me, it seemed so clear that the actions of Cho Seung-Hui were those of an individual, not an entire ethnic group. And while many Koreans at Virginia Tech, such as Young-Je Ko in a Salon News article, have cited the wave of violence towards Arabs following 9/11, I feel as though the two situations were quite different. I do not condone the violence towards Arabs, but I could better grasp its motivation, as the 9/11 attacks were carried about by a group of people with the same ideology. But this shooting was carried out by a single, mentally-disturbed individual.

For the most part, the white students at Virginia Tech saw race as a non-issue. It's the bloggers, on English-language Korea-focused blogs, looking at the massacre from the outsiders perspective, who have been debating the truth quotient of the stereotype that South Korean males are more prone to violent jealous rages. Others have debated whether the calmness with which Cho Seung-Hui carried out the attacks is evidence of the rigorous military training unique to South Korean males.

Personally, I believe that our affinity for diversity is to blame for this reaction. By promoting diversity as such a sacred value, especially on the college campus, it is impossible for individual action to remain individual action; everyone is representing his
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Drawing the line at the wall

By Amy Cohen
WEEKLY OP/ED WRITER

Remember when you were still in grade school and you built small walls on the floor with your Legos to separate your playing space from your brother's or sister's? The thin multicolored line that snaked straight down the center of the playroom, dividing the space up. Or maybe you drew lines in the sand at the beach. Your sand castle goes there and mine goes here. In a materialistic world, that separation of property is innate and almost natural. Almost.

Like hundreds of other students at the College this weekend, I was one of the masses that laid out in the sun with a magazine or some homework on the grass to take advantage of the gorgeous weather and equally handsome campus in the spring. I flipped through the shiny pictures of the latest National Geographic (yes, I am that dorky) and marveled at the many articles. I came across one with pictures of a rusted steel wall that cut the desert landscape of the picture in half. On one side were tenement slums, garbage pushed up to the wall, mangy dogs and dry red clay dirt. The other side featured cultivated green grass, a small town off in the distance and an American flag. Welcome to the U.S.-Mexican Border at Tijuana.

There has been much talk in the past months of building a wall along the border. Many words have been thrown around in relation to it, such as "national security," "economy" and "illegal." But what would this wall really accomplish if built? It would definitely send Mexicans the statement of "this is where I belong and this is where you don't." Walls are built for protection; they are built to keep the owners in and the outside world out. Walls mutely scream that neighbors are embarrassed of each other. Other than its implications of embarrassment and intolerance, this wall would boldly announce a message of hypocrisy. It would take everything our beloved country is built on, such as liberty, freedom and capitalism and squeeze it between the links of its fence. We are a nation made up of the

immigrants from around the globe. Since the first settlement of Jamestown in the early 1600s to the Statue of Liberty welcoming thousands in the 1900s, we have historically, to be completely cliché, been a melting pot of other cultures. This is a national identity that we have not only cherished since an early age, but has also set us apart from every other nation. Since when are we justified in telling a nationality, "No, please don't come in," when we grant access to others?

I understand the need to secure the border because of drug trafficking, but I invite supporters of the wall for that reason to consider the following: walls are built to be conquered. It would act like a magnet--a physical beacon drawing more in because of its sheer defiance. It would be remarkably similar to drinking and its underage restrictions. Half of the fun is the Olympic event of getting the alcohol and not getting caught.

The United States needs the flow of culture and commerce that immigration provides. The article tells of many illegals jumping the fences in the morning to work small jobs before jumping back at night with their small wages to support their families. Border towns on the American side once relied on the steady stream of people to support their local economies. Now that many Mexicans have stopped going back and forth regularly, those small economies have been adversely affected.

Besides sending an insulting message to our next door neighbors that negatively reflects on our own tolerance, this wall would send an international message of childish fear and instability. At a time when our nation is pioneering an international war on terror, the last thing we need to do is show the international community that in order to feel safe, we need to fortify all of our borders and push all outsiders away. It does not say much for our level of confidence. Illegal immigration will not stop in the face of a flimsy physical barrier. In order for this problem of illegal immigration to improve, we need to start teaching our children to stop drawing lines in the sand and learn to accept other cultures.

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when you do decide to take on the challenge. The class of 2007 has had an amazing impact on Muhlenberg alone in the four years we've had here, probably more than any class this college has seen in decades (don't worry classes of '08, '09, '10, and I dare to say even '11. You still have time to try to match our greatness, good luck to all of you). The race to change the world is now on, and I cannot wait to see how much of an impact we will make. Ready...go!

A special thank you for making my Muhlenberg experience a great one goes out to my own friends and family, my amazing girlfriend, my teachers, the people who I always want to hang out with but never end up doing so, everyone who has been friendly to me, the G.Q. workers, the beer factory workers of America, the bar formerly known as Woody's, the invaluable tutelage of Mr. Laubach, Mrs. Hoppel and Mr. Haine at the Print Shop, Phi Sigma Sigma, the people who play basketball randomly, the people of Maastricht, NL and to Mr. Justin D. Gerstley '07 because without you, there would be no one to make fun of.

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ethnic group, whether he is a fair representative or not. This brings up the question of whether an individual can actually be a fair representative of an ethnic group.

Blogger Jim Wallis's comments on the victims are perhaps the strangest manifestation of the love affair with diversity. He writes, "Looking at the profiles of the dead, I am struck by their diversity...they came from nine states, along with Puerto Rico, Egypt, India, Indonesia and Romania. They were male and female, African-American, Asian, Middle Eastern and Caucasian..." Are we supposed to feel good, maybe even awe-struck, that Cho Seung-Hui managed to achieve such impressive diversity in his random shootings that we, at college campuses, are still struggling to obtain? Or is white guilt supposed to kick in, making us outraged that so many minorities have been killed and demand that more of the victims be white?

While the contextualizing of this shooting in the grand sociopolitical scheme is inevitable, and in fact, necessary to some extent, I sincerely hope we don't make the mistake, as we have too many times in the past, of being too eager to jump on the race bandwagon. Playing up stereotypes rather than focusing on the individual is an injustice not only to the South Korean community, but to the individual victims.

Q. What do bullet proof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers and laser printers all have in common?

A. They were all invented by women.

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Cystic Fibrosis benefit dinner raises money for the cause

By Eirinn Disbrow
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

On Sat., Apr. 21, the College held a dinner to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis research. The dinner was organized by the student organization, Cystic Fibrosis on Campus (CFC) and according to Jordan Sones '10, "It was a huge success." 65 guests attended the dinner from various fields and backgrounds including College Muhlenberg Alumni, students, faculty, staff and various community members interested in Cystic Fibrosis research. Guests were provided with food and entertainment by The AcaFellas, Dynamics, and Girls Next Door. "We could not have asked for a better event. We got a great response from all of our guests and raised over \$2,000 for Cystic Fibrosis," said Sones.

Cystic Fibrosis is a genetic disease that affects over 30,000 Americans and over 70,000 people worldwide. People with the disease have a defective gene that causes the body to produce sticky mucus that clogs the lungs and prevents the pancreas from helping the body break down and absorb food. Those affected by cystic fibrosis experience persistent coughing and frequent lung infections along with poor growth and weight gain and are expected to live only into their late thirties. Research is still being done to provide a cure and the College's CFC hopes to help with this process as much as possible.

Sones explained, "There are a number of cystic fibrosis treatments that have been brought

about in the past few decades and the cystic fibrosis community is currently focusing on research for gene therapy treatments. Our goal is to raise money to ultimately provide a cure for Cystic Fibrosis." All proceeds from the benefit dinner were donated to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation which is the primary sponsor for critical cystic fibrosis research and donates nearly 90 cents of every dollar to cystic fibrosis care, research and education programs.

Cystic Fibrosis on Campus plans to continue their printer cartridge recycling program as well as selling "CF on Campus" wristbands to raise money. They are also planning "Fit for a Cure", which will take place next semester in the Life Sports Center, and will hopefully raise around \$20,000. This fundraising event will challenge athletes and non-athletes alike to walk run, lift and push us one step closer to a cure. CFC should be sending out details for this event in the near future.

There is so much that still needs to be done to help with research and fundraising for this disease. Sones says that "CFC is always looking for enthusiastic new members with great ideas on how to help out." If you would like to not only make a difference to the College community, but also help hasten the process of discovering a cure for a disease that affects people all over the world, then keep your eye open for new fundraising events coming up soon on campus.



Students and faculty attended the Cystic Fibrosis dinner, held in Moyer Hall, to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis research.

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took the lead and explored their passions, while she and Knepp stayed in the background and guided them.

Knepp graduated from the College in May 2004 and immediately started as Lane's Assistant Director in August 2004. Knepp self-designed her major in International Health and was extremely involved in Community Service even before her college career started. Lane offered Knepp the position after the College received the Mellon Grant, a grant given to the College to institutionalize service learning. Knepp accepted the position and was the second president of S.H.A.R.E. during her years as an underclassman when it was just beginning with eight members. "Working with Lindsey has been really fun. She is an amazing partner and amazing friend. I've watched Lindsey come in a first year student full of energy and passion and with a strong commitment to service," said Lane.

In her years here as Assistant Director, Knepp is very proud of an organization that she has started called IMPACT. IMPACT is a mentoring program that partners students at the College with adjudicated youth, high school kids that are on probation.

Knepp has said that she owes a lot of her success to Lane. Knepp said, "Val is wonderful. Val has been a great mentor and inspiration for me." Heather Baylis '07, Chair of Poverty Week and Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week said, "Lindsey is one of those people who is very good at what she does and never asks for any recognition. I hope she knows how important she is to us and how much she will be missed."

Lane and Knepp's favorite event is the annual Jefferson Field Day, which occurs on Performance Day of the Spring semesters. "200 plus Muhlenberg students and 600 plus Jefferson Elementary students looking out from the bleachers, all waiting for the horn to blow, for Field Day to start is so energizing. It's the high-

light of the year," Lane and Knepp agreed, "There's just so much electricity."

Melissa Berman '09, Chair of Mental Health Awareness Week said, "What often goes unnoticed is the way in which the Community Service Office serves our own Muhlenberg community." Students have approached Lane and Knepp with ideas that have

"While we re both excited by our next adventures in life, we'll miss our Muhlenberg community."

Valerie Lane,
Director of Community
Service

become huge, annual events. Ryan Chapoteau '08, Sixth Street Shelter Student Coordinator said, "Giving students a lot of autonomy in that office really did wonders for those projects and inspired confidence in many students. In my three years working in that office now, I have seen so many students come out of their shell

because of the caring environment Val and Lindsey had in the office."

The search committee is working hard to find a new Director of Community Service. The committee is led by Karen Green, Dean of Students and Vice President of Student Affairs, three students, two faculty members, Provost Marjorie Hass, Peter Bredlau, College Chaplain, Mike Bruckner, Vice President of Public Relations and Corey Goff, Assistant Athletic Director. They are narrowing their selection down to final candidates who Lane and Knepp hope to meet and train.

Both Lane and Knepp display a life-long commitment to service. "I want the momentum that the students have created down here to continue and their sense of civic responsibility and community connectedness to continue, and that what happens when students get involved in the world outside the classroom complements what they are learning in the classroom. This way, they can take it with them whatever community

they end up in and what they have learned here can enrich any community," Lane said, and Knepp wholeheartedly agreed.

"Val has been a wonderful mentor. She has had a big part in inspiring me to pursue a career in human services. From her, I have learned what it means to be a leader and a socially responsible citizen. She will be deeply missed here at Muhlenberg and we all wish her the best of luck," said Baylis.

Miles Davison '08 speaks for everyone, "I will miss them both as mentors and co-workers, but most importantly, as friends." As Lane and Knepp both leave, they will not forget the friendships that they've made with students, faculty and administration, nor will they leave the memories behind. "Lindsay and I both feel it has been our privilege to get to work with students and help them discover their sense of civic responsibility. While we're both excited by our next adventures in life, we'll miss our Muhlenberg community."

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Sudoku

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Graduating senior at the College finds success through Experience

By Michael Miller
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Brandon Mefford '07 was struggling to find a job, and his senior year was coming quickly to a close. His life dream, working for an NBA or NFL team was quickly evaporating and he needed help.

Enter, Experience Incorporated, the college alumni network that helps outgoing college students look for dream jobs all over the country. Working with thousands of alumni from hundreds of colleges, Experience Inc. was responsible for helping Mefford find his dream job.

"For a few months, I could not find the job I wanted, and nothing seemed to be working. Then I checked my email and saw that Experience had contact-

ed me about a job fair in Chicago. I thought I would give it a try, so I applied," said Mefford, "I really didn't think that I had a chance, but I had nothing to lose, so I gave it shot."

Mefford applied, through Experience Inc. along with nearly 800 other young men and women. He was surprised to hear that he was picked to go to a job fair in Chicago, where every NBA team would be represented.

Mefford said he "was thrilled and excited. I really did not anticipate being selected, and I was very happy that I was chosen and that I was going to Chicago."

"Friday was the job fair, and I went to every team to make sure my name got around. There were around 160 people there, and they were the best students,

smart, driven and talented, and they all came from big schools, like Wisconsin and Illinois, and I was happy to represent a small school like Muhlenberg," Mefford said.

Saturday morning, he was called by six different teams to interview. After all of his interviews on Saturday, he walked away with two on-the-spot job offers from the Minnesota Timberwolves and the Indiana Pacers. Mefford said, "I felt like it was a huge accomplishment, just getting those job offers. It really made the stress from the weekend well worth it." Even after those two job offers, the Cleveland Cavaliers called him a week later to see if he wanted to go out to Cleveland and take a look around. That same week the Phoenix Suns called to see if he was interested in the Arizona

franchise.

"There were pros and cons for each city and franchise, so my brother and I took a trip to every city. We went to Minneapolis, then to Indianapolis and then out to Phoenix. I settled on Phoenix because it had everything I wanted," Mefford emphasized.

Kristen Eiesenzopf, Marketing Manager of Experience Inc. said Brandon is one of hundreds of success stories that she deals with. "Our job, our mission, here at Experience is to help students go from college and into their dream job. Brandon is one of those stories." She wanted to make sure that students did not just delete any emails sent by Experience Inc. and that students take the time to look at the Experience website because Mefford's

experience can happen to any qualified student, in any career field.

"The important thing to note is that Brandon is not an exceptional story. His story is wonderful, but it is not rare. Here at Experience, we try as hard as we can to get students out into their dream job, and out into a career," said Eiesenzopf.

Mefford will start his job with the Phoenix Suns after he graduates, and he thanks Experience for this opportunity. He wants students to take the risk, and get their name out there. He said, "We [Muhlenberg students] are bright adults. Go out and take the risk. I had a lot of doubt, applying along with 800 other bright young men and women, but I got the job I wanted, and I have Experience to thank for that."

The community is committed to safety in the wake of Virginia Tech

By Michael Miller
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

By now, everyone has heard of the tragedy at Virginia Tech that has saddened this campus, this country and the world over. Those students that lost their lives on Mon., Apr. 16, should be remembered for a long time and their families should remain in our prayers for even longer.

President Helm has reassured the community that students at the College are safe and that the administration is taking measures to ensure our safety. In an email sent to the entire campus on Monday, President Helm focused his attention to safety on campus and put forth a set of programs to help prevent and protect in case the worst should happen.

He discussed a plan which includes current safety programs campus wide, ranging from mass emails to call centers to the College television channel. President Helm also stated a possible plan to use Miller Carillon in the Haas College Center to warn the entire school in case the

worst should happen.

"At the campus level, the big lesson seems to be that effective, instantaneous crisis communication with students, faculty and staff is difficult," President Helm said in an email. The collaboration of Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety, Harry Miller, Director of Office of Information and Technology, Karen Green, Dean of Students and Vice President of Student Affairs, and Mike Bruckner, Vice President of Public Relations will all help to insure the safety and security of faculty, staff and the Student Body on campus.

In addition, the President noted that the school is trying to establish in-classroom telephones, network broadcasts, TV crawler messages and Techwall crawlers, which would utilize the 70 new techwall screens in a variety of classrooms to alert professors and students in case of an emergency.

Lupole stressed that his department was ready and prepared to prevent these types of situations and ready to control them if the situation does occur.

"I would also like to let you know that we have general operation and emergency operations plans throughout the campus. My department has standard operating guidelines which address our response to incidents including serious emergencies," assured Mr. Lupole.

In addition to the increase in security measures, the campus has come together as a community to support our friends at Virginia Tech. There have been multiple candle light vigils, fundraisers and student gatherings to lend a hand to the entire Virginia Tech community.

"I am incredibly proud of our students' caring, measured response to the tragedy at Virginia Tech. Our campus's emphasis has been on sympathy, support and prayer for the victims and their friends and families," said President Helm.

On Mon., Apr. 24, there was a vigil for those that lost their lives at Virginia Tech, and hundreds of students showed up to give their support and to pray for the families and the friends of the victims.

Student organizations unite for Mental Health Awareness Day

By Sara Horowitz
NEWS EDITOR

Mental Health Awareness Day, co-sponsored by the Community Service organization Student Have A Real Effect (S.H.A.R.E) and the fraternity Sigma Phi Epsilon, took place at the College on Mon., Apr. 23. Starting at 6:30 p.m. there was a discussion and reflection session, a student and faculty speaker, a skit by Muhlenberg EMS, and performances by InAccord, Dynamics, Gillian Vesco, Grant Harris, Noteworthy, Jordan Miler and Valerie Lane.

Melissa Berman '09, the Committee Chair of the event, decided to integrate this cause onto the College campus because she lost a friend in high school to suicide and wanted to "reach or impact as many students as possible to make them more aware of the severity and widespread suffering of mental health

issues."

The Counseling Center stepped up as well and offered screenings for students who might be suffering from depression or know anyone who is or might be. Berman hoped that the "campus community would come together to show support for one another and to take an hour (amidst exams, meetings, homework, meetings, classes, meetings and errands) to celebrate what is often lost in the flow of distractions, and that is life."

The money raised will benefit both the Counseling Centers of both Virginia Tech and the College. Due to the recent events at Virginia Tech, Berman hopes that people keep "in mind those now trying to cope with the shootings at Virginia Tech. We use Virginia Tech as a warning and a reminder to help those in need and to be thankful for what we have been given."

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Campus Safety Notes

Apr. 17 - Injured Student - A student fell off his skate board, causing abrasions along his right hand. He refused treatment.

Apr. 19 - Institutional Vandalism - A window on the third floor was broken from the inside out of Walz Hall. The incident is still being investigated.

Apr. 19 - Attempted Theft - Someone attempted to get into the key box for vehicle keys in Plant Operations Service Shops. There have been no suspects, thus far.

Apr. 19 - Muhlenberg College Codes Violation - On North 24th and Utica Street, a student was driving an unregistered vehicle at an unsafe speed. The student was cited for speeding and his driving privileges were suspended.

Apr. 20 - Unauthorized Person - A student reported that an unauthorized person

was in Taylor Hall. The man was given a letter of trespass.

Apr. 20 - Injured Employee - A part-time employee in the Registrar's Office fell in a pothole at the East Hall fire lane. The employee was transported by ambulance to the Lehigh Valley Hospital.

Apr. 20 - Safety Hazard - Students hung a swing in a tree in the East Hall quad area. The swing had to be removed for liability reasons.

Apr. 21 - Theft from Building - Two flower pots were stolen from Haas College Center.

Apr. 21 - Injured Student - A student who was playing Frisbee ran into a tree, bit his tongue and scraped his chest and arms. He was advised to visit the Health Center since he refused hospital treatment.

Apr. 21 - Disorderly Conduct - A picture of a student holding a gun was placed on facebook.com. It turns out that the gun was plastic and did not have a trigger. The case is being referred to the Judicial Process.

Apr. 22 - Underage Alcohol - A female student was found intoxicated in the men's bathroom on the second floor of East Hall-G. She was transported to St. Luke's Hospital and cited for underage consumption of alcohol.

Apr. 22 - Underage Alcohol - A student was found vomiting due to alcohol intoxication on the second floor of Walz Hall. The student was transported by Muhlenberg College EMS (MCEMS) to St. Luke's Hospital and was referred to the Judicial Process for underage consumption of alcohol.

Apr. 22 - Simple Assault -

Two Muhlenberg College students and two non-students were confronted by other Muhlenberg College students after a house party on Liberty Street. There were arguments and punches thrown. The non-students refused transport to the hospital.

Apr. 22 - Institutional Vandalism - Someone cut the cable that is across the fire line by Brown and Walz Hall.

Apr. 22 - Vandalism to Vehicle - A student's vehicle parked in the Benfer Hall parking lot was damaged by the right rear fender area. It is still unknown who caused the damage.

Apr. 23 - Institutional Vandalism - Two downspouts were removed from the south side of Walson Hall.

Apr. 23 - Injured Student -

A student on the first floor of Brown Hall fell off the end of her bed and hit her head on the floor. She was transported to the hospital.

Apr. 23 - Terroristic Threats - Two students got into an argument, and one threatened to kill the other. This was written up and sent to the Dean's Office.

Apr. 23 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to a detector malfunction on the fourth floor in Walz Hall. Plant Operations was called to replace the faulty detector.

Apr. 23 - Larceny/Theft - \$100 was stolen from both roommates' wallets in a room on the first floor of Prosser Hall.

Apr. 24 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to steam from the shower at 2235 Gordon Street.

Life!

"I put all my genius into my life; I put only my talent into my works."

-Oscar Wilde

EAST FEST

Eighth Sea and activities entertain the Quad

Pete Francis rocks out



By Alex Lotorto
WEEKLY LIFE WRITER

"Who's Pete Francis?" "What's Dispatch?" Shame on you. "Pete Francis" might sound like one of those nameless musicians who play at the College like its one of the biggest gigs of their careers. But what if I told you that only three years ago, Pete Francis played in Boston in front of 110,000 weeping fans from almost every time zone on the planet? More fans showed up for Dispatch's farewell than for Ben Folds or 311 ever had in concert.

On Saturday, the College hosted a performance of Pete Francis and the Flyers on the basketball courts as part of the always-successful East Fest. The show was one of the last few on Pete's tour before he starts rehearsing for three Zimbabwe benefit reunion concerts with the other two members of Dispatch, Chad Urmston and Brad Corrigan. The concert that will be held at Madison Square Garden in July, were announced in January. Tickets sold out in three days when sales started in February.

So obviously, Dispatch is big, but how come they aren't on the radio or on those best-of-the-90s CDs? This is because they were independent. They grew from a democracy of fans who found them on file-sharing systems based on the quality of music, such as Napster, not corporate means like MTV and radio.

They never agreed to sign onto a big record deal because no one wanted to just "fuel their fire" and keep their "people before profit" attitude. In fact, they were sitting behind Alanis Morissette and Don Henley at the Congressional Hearings that crippled Napster. Dispatch, a triumvirate revered by their fan-dom of millions, began on a small campus like ours...in a stairwell.

That first night, Francis only

had three strings on his guitar, similar to any night in the freshmen quad or in the twisted hallways of Prosser: guys jamming, sharing their talents, creating art together. As upperclassmen, they traveled abroad together to Africa, where they lived with a man named Elias who worked in the fields every day to send his son to college.

Their experience is documented in their song "Elias" and is captured in the charity they founded, the Elias Fund. All proceeds of the fund go directly to American college interns in Africa who distribute it to African students who can't afford undergraduate schooling.

Over the next decade, Dispatch helped democratize the music industry until profiteering, moral and political disagreements over the 2004 election ripped them apart. A timeless band disintegrated because they made their own petty differences a priority instead of their role in history, changing the lives of fans and more importantly, the independent music



Above: Pete Francis performs.
Left: Students engage in East Fest.

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No regrets during Senior Week

By Lily Hatfield
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNIST

The last hurrah. A final week of debauchery that concludes with our graduation from this fine institution known as Muhlenberg College, known as Senior Week.

This is our time to celebrate all the hard work and sacrifice (in class and out), blood, sweat, tears, vomit and other fluids that we have poured into this college and it's surrounding bushes.

Although there are planned activities, such as Senior Ball and Senior Surprise, there are other activities that one can plan to avoid in this week to ensure a regret-free exit from Allentown.

1. Your best friend.

You know that guy or girl who you have been friends with since freshman year? You used to drink in Prosser together, walk to class, compare relationships and ask for sex advice, always knowing that he/she would be there

for you.

Do you remember that drunken night when you swore that by they time you graduate, you will have gone all the way, as a symbol of your friendship?

While I encourage people getting their freak on, think about the consequences that come along with banging your best buddy. The friendship might be better off with clothes on.

Think carefully before you decide to keep your promise, because a best friend who has always been there for you might have different feelings after they wake up with no clothes on in your bed. For further discussion on this please see rule 4.

2. Kill that B#!*h.

We all have that one enemy who we have despised since we first stepped foot on campus: she was wearing the same outfit as you, she slept

with your boyfriend, he threw up on you and called you a fairy, whatever.

You have harbored hatred towards them for four years and now it's time to let it out in a blaze of open-palms and the word "skank."

Punching a pillow? Fine. Punching the back wall at Woody's? Fine. Punching a person in the face? Not so fine.

There are legitimate reasons to confront a person, but petty little things such as wearing the same shoes or flirting with your guy does not warrant a black eye.

Let go of your anger towards people who really don't matter and you will never see again. Enjoy your last few days not in jail, being booked for assault and public intoxication.

3. Lose your virginity.

'Nuff said. Bad idea.

4. Sleep with as many people as humanly possible.

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Fracture

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Are We Done Yet?

Fri. 10:45, 1:00, 4:00
Sat. 10:45, 1:00, 4:00
Sun. 10:45, 1:00, 4:00

The Condemned

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

Next

Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

Disturbia

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 10:00
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 10:00
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

The Invisible

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Blades of Glory

Fri. 4:50, 7:50, 10:10
Sat. 4:50, 7:50, 10:10
Sun. 1:50, 4:50, 7:50

Perfect Stranger

Fri. 7:00, 9:30
Sat. 7:00, 9:40
Sun. 4:00, 7:00

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

IF YOU COULD BE ANY OBJECT ON

MUHLENBERG'S CAMPUS WHAT WOULD IT BE?



"My favorite big-strong-interestingly-twisted tree at Tremont."
- Megha Baikadi '08



"I'd be the owl carved into the Haas Building."
- Carter Hall '07



"Victor's Lament because it's large, red, metallic and everybody knows what it is but not what it's for."
- Sarah Illing '10



"The front lawn because lots of beautiful women hang out there."
- Alex Corgan '08



"I'd be the fishbowl because you can see from across Chew Street."
- Erik Fiebigler '10

Compiled by Kim Nguyen

Matt Caplan kicks off Arts Week

By Sarah Sansolo
WEEKLY LIFE WRITER

* Arts Week began on Saturday night with a concert by singer, songwriter and Broadway star Matt Caplan.

Armed with two acoustic guitars, a versatile voice and a sense of humor, Caplan commanded the crowd gathered in the Great Room. He performed a selection of songs from his CD, *Overtures*, as well as a few songs so new that they are currently unnamed.

He began with the tentatively titled, "Sully My Days" and closed his set with "Seventeen," a song he had never performed before. Songs from *Overtures* included, "River Nile," "Europe" and "Autograph." Other numbers included "Bright Fighter" and "Sideways."

Caplan captivated the audience with his beautiful lyrics, great vocal range and intricate guitar parts, but his personality between numbers was just as interesting as the music itself.

He switched between two guitars and paused to tune them differently for each song. He commented on his speed and the lulls in the show which, due to his jokes, were hardly as boring as he believed them to be.

The highlight of the show, both for its music and its comedy, was Caplan's performance of "Feedback." The audience requested this song. He explained that he typically performs this piece, which draws on Pachelbel's "Canon in D" both in its lyrics and in its melody, with a choir.

He insisted that the audience fill in for the missing choir, playing the song's musical interlude many times until everyone in the room was singing along.

Caplan proved himself to be a capable performer and very approachable, staying after his show to sign CDs and take pictures with his fans.

He was a wonderful beginning to Arts Week, and being able to see him perform was an excellent opportunity for all who attended the concert.



Matt Caplan performs in the Great Room.

PHOTO BY ERIN GOLDRICK

Civic Theatre performs "The Wizard of Oz"



The Wizard of Oz, opens this Fri., Apr. 27, and runs through May 5 at The Civic Theatre as this year's Civic Theater School Production. There are 55 children in the cast, ranging between ages 6-16, including Kate Stauff, a 12-year old making her Civic Theatre debut as Dorothy. The piece has been a challenge for the director, Muhlenberg Alum Noah Herman '06 because it is the biggest production he has ever directed. He says that, "This has been a tremendous experience because Civic has allowed me to truly learn on the job, trusting me to implement the tools I've developed as a director to a production of such a large scale." The set for "The Wizard of Oz" is being designed by a fellow Civic resident and Denison University graduate, Caitlin McCown, and the lights are being designed by Zach Brown '07, further examples of the valuable experience Civic is giving young professionals on this show. The version of the production follows the movie very closely and therefore, includes popular tunes such as "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," "We're Off to See the Wizard" and "If I Only Had a Brain."

"The Wizard of Oz" shotimes are as follows:
Fri., Apr. 27, at 6 p.m.; Sat., Apr. 28, at 1 p.m.;
Thurs., May 3, at 6 p.m.; Fri., May 4, at 6 p.m.;
and Sat., May 5, at 1 p.m.
Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$6

Compiled by Luanne Linares & Meredith Clinton
Photos Courtesy of Noah Herman

Kiss the Mule 2007



On Fri., Apr. 20, MCEMS held its annual Kiss the Mule fundraiser on the front lawn. Students voted for President Helm to kiss the mule this year. Other candidates included Marsha Baar, Professor of Chemistry; James Pritts, Campus Safety Officer; Karen Green, Dean of Students; Paul Meier, Asst. Professor of Biology; Charles Richter, Professor of Theater; Ted Schick, Professor of Philosophy and Donald Shive, Professor of Chemistry. All proceeds for the fundraiser go to MCEMS and there was \$72 in President Helm's jar.

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Mules Tennis falls short of playoffs

By Sara Hiller and Kimberly Seedor
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITERS

Although the past few matches for the Muhlenberg Men's and Women's Tennis Teams have been rough battles, they have stood their ground and continue to fight until the finish.

Recently, due to weather atypical of mid-April, matches were postponed but did not seem to impact the teams' performances. "As far as the recent weather and postponing, its impact has not been significant," said Jesse Kirschenbaum '08, Captain of the Men's Team. "When it is raining, we go indoors at the Life Sports Center to practice. However, the surface is completely different so it affects us in that sense because we are training on two different types of courts."

For the past few weekends, the Mules have been forced to play grueling back-to-back games against some important Centennial Conference opponents including Franklin & Marshall, Gettysburg, Dickinson and Washington (currently ranked #12 in the Atlantic South).

The Women's win against Gettysburg kept them in the running for the playoffs. However,

after losing to Washington on Sat., Apr. 21, the Mules are out of luck. That crucial Centennial Conference win was necessary in order to advance to the playoffs.

In their most recent game against Salisbury, senior Pam Kimmelman recorded her 80th career win as a Mule when she won both of her matches in singles as well as in doubles. "It definitely makes me feel like an accomplished player and I am very happy to have had such a successful career at Muhlenberg," she said. "It honestly shows what a passion I have for tennis and how much I simply enjoy playing. I definitely owe a lot to my parents, sisters, friends and coach for their encouragement. I don't know where I'd be without their constant support and motivation."

The Men's Team lost their last three games to Conference opponents Dickinson who are ranked #16 in the region, Gettysburg and Franklin & Marshall. In the most recent match against F&M, Jesse Kirschenbaum and Mark Apostolos '10 were the only successful pair in doubles for the Mules.

For the remainder of the season, the Women will play Moravian and The College of New

Jersey in the upcoming week. They hope to finish their season with strong wins. As for the men, Elizabethtown will be their last match for 2007. Although playoffs are not in the future for either team this season, both the Men and the Women competed valiantly and plan on coming out strong next year.

As for the men, the team is excitedly looking ahead. "This season had its ups and downs but has left us with an optimism regarding our team's future," said Jesse Kirschenbaum. "We have many young players and three out of our six starting singles players were freshmen this season. They all gained valuable experience, which will help a lot when our season begins next year. Robbie Goldwein stepped in at Number 1 singles as a freshman and showed a great competitive edge while playing some of the Conference's best players. Apostolos and Yoni Farber are also freshman who started in singles and doubles this season and improved significantly as the season progressed. I was impressed with all three of them and I am sure that they will have successful tennis careers here at Muhlenberg."

Softball and Baseball struggle as seasons wind down

By Victoria Davis
SPORTS EDITOR

Muhlenberg's Softball Team was shut out in their double-header against Dickinson, 6-0 and 5-0 on Thurs., Apr. 19. Junior Katie Vecchione only allowed one earned run in the second game, giving her a record of 3-4. Senior Hilary Marinchak provided the Mules with their best scoring chances with three hits to go along with three stolen bases.

On Sat., Apr. 21, the Mules played at McDaniel but unfortunately found similar results. While they got plenty of hits, the Mules could not seem to drive players home. They lost the first game 4-1 and the second 1-0. In the second game, senior Nicole Washburn pitched a brilliant eight shutout innings and striking out 11, only to give up the single winning run in the ninth inning. Senior Tina Roth hit four on the day and sophomore Michelle Consiglio hit three in the second game.

Finally, the Mules fought hard once again on Sun., Apr. 22, but came up shorthanded against Moravian. Losing both games by scores of 6-2 and 7-0, the Mules again ran into difficulty driving players home. The losing streak reached six, but the Mules must shake it off and finish the season strong.

Muhlenberg's Baseball Team has been struggling much like the Softball

Team, dropping a game against Ursinus in a tough 10 innings. The Mules stuck with the Bears, with senior Ryan Sassaman providing a two-run double in the fourth. Unfortunately, they were unable to take the lead back in the tenth and lost by a score of 10-8. Two days later, the Mules had the opportunity for revenge, but were unable to take it. Playing this time at Ursinus, the Mules held a solid lead but gave up a monstrous eight runs in the final three innings. Freshman Dan Fisher went 4-for-5 on the day, but it was not quite enough to lead his Mules to victory.

The Mules finally got that elusive win against McDaniel in a split double-header. Muhlenberg took the second game 16-6 after losing the first. The win came at a perfect time: Senior Day. With nine seniors on the team, they ended the day in winning fashion. Senior Dave Andrew got the win pitching three strong relief innings. Seniors Ryan Sassaman and Pete Oris also had big performances as they moved toward etching their names in the Muhlenberg record books. Sassaman scored four runs to bring his total to 103 while Oris hit three RBI.

Coming off their Senior Day win, the Mules were unable to keep the momentum, losing to Johns Hopkins in both games. Muhlenberg gave up a tough 32 total hits in the losses.



Fisher '10 slides into home on a straight steal against McDaniel. He was originally ruled out at the plate, but the McDaniel catcher dropped the ball.

Snyder helps Women's Golf set new records

By Victoria Davis
SPORTS EDITOR

their seasons en route to the Centennial Conference Championships. On Fri., Apr. 20, freshman Kimberly Snyder once again led the pack at the Kutztown Spring Invitational played at Berkleigh Country Club. In the first two rounds, she shot an 81. Six teams competed and Muhlenberg took fifth, breaking a school record by one with a team score of 374.

The next day Snyder picked up where she left off and finished tied for fourth out of 41 total golfers. Her score of 166 helped the Mules to continue setting records as their team score of 766 was the best in Muhlenberg's history for a 36-hole event. Sophomore Hayley Cush also had a career day shooting her top score ever of a 99 on day two while senior Kristen Amore totaled a solid 185.

Meanwhile, the Men's Team competed at the Lehigh Valley Collegiate Invitational on Wed.,

The Women's and Men's Golf Teams have continued

Apr. 18. Finishing third just ahead of Moravian, the Mules picked up a point toward the Matte Award. Sophomore Bill Snow and freshman Biff Slocum each shot a four-over-par 76 to tie for fourth. Junior Garrett Carpenter shot an 80 putting him in tenth.

Next up, the Mules headed to the Glenmaura National Collegiate Invitational on Sun., Apr. 22. At the end of 18 holes, the Mules were behind three of fellow Centennial Conference teams. Snow and Slocum tied once again with a 78. On the second day of the competition, the Mules jumped one spot, putting them in seventh. Carpenter along with sophomore Josh Shantzer improved their scores by at least ten strokes and along with Slocum's total of 78, the Mules finished with 156.

The Mules are now preparing for the Centennial Conference Championships at Pilgrim's Oak beginning on Fri., Apr. 27 for the Men's Team and Sat., Apr. 28 for the Women's Team.



Snyder '10 continues to help the Mules break school records.

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NFL Draft: Final Thoughts

By Zack Gugenheim
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The NFL Draft starts this Saturday at noon on ESPN. Here are some final thoughts before the event begins.

First off, I still don't understand the hype surrounding LSU QB JaMarcus Russell. Yes, he has intangibles that are off the charts. He is a 6'6", 250 lb beast with great athleticism, and his arm strength is better than most starting quarterbacks. Still, that alone does not make a quarterback great. He wasn't a big-game quarterback in college, and most of the hype that he is receiving is because he destroyed a team without a defense (Notre Dame in the Sugar Bowl). He doesn't make the greatest decisions, which ultimately defines you as a quarterback in the NFL. Making correct decisions separates the Tom Brady's from the Ryan Leaf's. Also, I still think that Brady Quinn will be a better quarterback in the pros, as will another quarterback, although I don't know which one...

Speaking of quarterbacks, what the heck has happened to Ohio State QB Troy Smith's draft stock? Before the championship game, some mock draft sites had him as high as the ninth overall pick to the Miami Dolphins. Now, because of a poor showing in the title game, a poor workout, lack of height, questions of character and the emergence of other quarterbacks (Drew Stanton (MSU) and Trent Edwards (Stanford)), the talk around the draft is that he will be a 5th-rounder. He dropped from a potential top-10 pick to the 5th round?

Speaking of mind-boggling draft decisions, there have also been rumors that Adrian Peterson (RB, Oklahoma) has been slipping down the draft

boards recently. There have been concerns about his durability and his work ethic...ARE YOU KIDDING ME!? This guy has to be one of the best running backs that I have seen in years (including Reggie Bush). Yes, he has had a couple of big injuries (collarbone and foot), but these injuries will not be lingering (if they were knee injuries, I would be more concerned). This guy has speed to burn, amazing strength and power, and simply does not quit. His character is also fantastic. Just because his father was in jail (by the way, his dad was released last fall, and is doing just fine) doesn't mean his character is questionable. He has been the workhorse for the Sooners since the day he stepped on campus. He accepted his role and worked his butt off to become the best he could be.

Lastly, the best player in this draft is wide receiver Calvin Johnson (Georgia Tech). Yes, he admitted to using marijuana in college (which I don't condone), but if anything, the fact that he admitted to using in college should be a testament to his honesty. Johnson should be the first player taken in this draft, period. There hasn't been a player of his caliber in quite sometime, and he could end up being the best receiver the league has seen in years.

The Raiders own the top spot, and they have a lot of issues. However, there are other ways to fill their needs, and if they want a quarterback, it would be best for them to get one from free agency, because Russell is a huge risk and Quinn needs a line to protect him. You don't want your number one pick to be crushed on every play while trying to learn the offense. Ultimately, unless Oakland trades down to get more picks, the Raiders would be foolish not to take Johnson as their number one pick.

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Fifteen qualify for ECACs in Track and Field

By Maura Hendsey
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On Sat., April 21, the Muhlenberg Track and Field Teams traveled to nearby Moravian College for the Greyhound Invitational. The Mules had a successful day as they broke a school record and produced an astounding fifteen ECAC qualifying performances, as well as an NCAA provisional qualifying performance. Freshman Alex Faust set a new school record in the pole vault once again, jumping a height of 11-1.75. With this vault, Faust also placed second overall and qualified for the ECACs. Claiming first place in the javelin, senior Sarah Mitchell provisionally qualified for the NCAA Championships for the fourth time this season with a throw of 138-5. This throw was over a six foot improvement from Mitchell's

previous best this spring. Seniors Rachel Drosdick and Jacquelyn Inverso both had excellent performances, qualifying for the ECACs in two events. Drosdick qualified in the 100-meter hurdles and the long jump, while Inverso qualified in the 100-meter hurdles and the triple jump. Freshman Debra Crockett threw 36-7.75 in the shot put, placing third overall and earning a spot on Muhlenberg's all-time performance list.

The Men's Team combined for a total of eight ECAC qualifying performances. The duo of senior Lex Mercado and sophomore Stuart Udis took second and third places respectively in the 800-meters, finishing only .40 seconds apart from one another. The Mules received another second-place finish from sophomore David Chorney in the 1500-meters with a time of 4:02.75.

Freshman Brendan Kirk qualified for the ECACs in the 400-meter hurdles for the first time this season. Kirk's time of 56.88 seconds claimed eighth place overall and also put him in fourth place on Muhlenberg's all-time performance list. The Men's 4x400 Relay Team of Mercado, Eric Miller '10, Bill Ryan '10 and Dan Steinhart '08 qualified for the ECACs once again, improving on their previous best time by more than four seconds. Junior Joel Haddock qualified for the ECACs for the first time this season in the long jump with a jump of 21-11.5. With the Conference Championships only two weeks away, both the Men's and Women's Teams seem to be in great shape. The Track and Field Teams return to action on Thursday and Friday at the Penn Relays.

Women's Lacrosse bids farewell to seniors with a win

By Victoria Davis
SPORTS EDITOR

On Tues., April 17, the Women's Lacrosse Team took on Gettysburg. Ranked fourth in Division III, Gettysburg proved tough competition and took a decisive win, 16-3. One bright spot in the game was sophomore Marguerite Farrell's eight ground balls, falling just two shy of setting a new school record.

Putting their loss behind them, the Mules traveled to McDaniel on Sat., April 21 to play the regionally-ranked Green Terror. In its final Centennial Conference match-up this season, the Mules unfortunately dropped its third game in a row by a final score of 17-12. The Mules stuck with the Green Terror, but McDaniel pulled away toward the end of the first half. Senior Katie Reimann and sophomore Ruth Morrongiello each tallied four points, with Reimann recording a hat trick and Morrongiello scoring two goals and two assists. Juniors Marissa Capuano and Taylor Armstrong along with freshman Amanda McGovern also added two goals each.

Hoping to get a win for their seniors on Senior Night, the Mules geared up for their next game against Neumann on Mon., April 23. These two teams had never played each other, but the Mules had little trouble in the victory, winning 18-6. The lone seniors on the team, Reimann and Kelli Sakonchick, make up the class with the most wins in Muhlenberg's history with 32. Overall this season, the Mules won nine including the win against Neumann. The Mules came out to an early lead and were up by ten at halftime. Sophomore Sara Hiller recorded a career-high six goals, all assisted by McGovern. Hiller added an assist to give her an impressive seven-point game. Armstrong added a hat trick, and Morrongiello along with Capuano each scored two goals. In their final game, Sakonchick grabbed five ground balls and caused four turnovers, and Reimann netted a goal, assisted on another, and picked up three ground balls and draw controls. Sakonchick has become the third-place holder in Muhlenberg's history with 79 caused turnovers while Reimann wrapped up her stellar career third in assists with 52.



Haddock was one of 15 Mules to qualify for the ECACs. With a jump of 21-11.5, he qualified for the first time this season.

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The Judicial System



College keeping you away from outside harm



By Brian Galgano
Class of 2008

For the past two years, I have sat on Muhlenberg College's Judicial Hearing Board on numerous cases. While I believe the system as a whole functions well and students being held accountable for their actions by their fellow students is an essential judicial process for a college, at times I feel my fellow students take for granted the privileges and immunities our College judicial system offers. Being one of the co-founders of the College's Medical Amnesty Program, I don't want to sound like a hypocrite, so I will make a clear distinction before I begin.

I believe the Medical Amnesty Policy works for one reason and one reason only—it eliminates a barrier for a time being that allows students to make a decision without thinking about consequences. Normally, I would argue this to be a terrible and immoral

action to take, however, I feel that eliminating the consequences one might face for a violation of the social code is sometimes necessary to ensure that a student gets the help that is needed for a fellow student. I believe in the Medical Amnesty Policy because it works. It gets students the help they need, when they need it without hesitations by friends.

To my knowledge, this policy is not in our judicial system's policy in regard to alcohol and other drug related offenses. We, as an accredited institution in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, knowingly violate state laws and then subsequently, allow the students an amnesty from civil prosecution. While this may be advantageous to both the student and the College, I do not understand this twisting of the law that Campus Safety Officers and the College are allowed to follow.

Let's take a hypothetical example. You're 21, and you have a party at your MILE house in which everyone there is under the age of 21. Almost all individuals are consuming alcohol and there is a significant amount scattered throughout the house. Campus Safety subsequently breaks the party up. What happens next?

This is where most students at this college fail to realize the protection that the College provides to them. Every student who had been drinking and was underage just broke state law. The student providing the alcohol just broke many state laws and the Campus Safety officers who just broke up the party saved every student from state laws. How can we put students through our own College judicial process while, at the same time, protect them from the state judicial system?

I have never understood how the College gets away with protecting its students. Administration blindly turns its head away from state laws when it brings students to its own judicial system. It blindly ignores the "real world" and the actions that would have taken place against the student had the officers been Allentown Police Officers.

I understand actions that offend the College Community such as vandalism and plagiarism need to be brought before a college judicial system; however, I don't understand how actions that violate state laws are only brought before the College's Judicial System in many cases.

If a student decides to violate a law, the student should deal with all of the consequences that follow. There's only so much sheltering that the College can provide to its students. Let Campus Police do their job and enforce state laws, and let the College do its job and teach students to obey state laws.

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Innocent until proven guilty?



By Ryan Chapoteau
Class of 2008

As a member of the Hearing Board, I have seen many assumptions made about the Judicial Program that constantly hurt the students who go through the process. Unfortunately, this school's procedures are nothing like an official legal court or anywhere close to *Law and Order*, so people do not know what to expect. In these outside courts, punishment is supposed to teach that criminal a lesson and reform them. However, the College has an added position since it must also protect itself from an accountability standpoint.

A frequent assumption that students make is that you are innocent until proven guilty and that the College must provide enough evidence against a person to find him or her guilty. On the other hand, it

seems that one truly is guilty until proven innocent while going through the judicial process. The College's system operates under preponderance of evidence. This is compared to the familiar standard of proof of beyond a reasonable doubt in other courts.

Basically, the Judicial Board is supposed to determine if a person would be considered guiltier than not, based on the evidence that is received beforehand. The defendant must then make his or her case to sway the board to determine his or her innocence. This practice, unfortunately, becomes an uphill battle, we are trained to not treat testimony with the same level of credibility. For example, a Campus Safety officer's testimony is supposedly more credible than a student's statements.

The notion of preponderance of evidence could work except I truly believe that Judicial Board Members are not properly trained to be objective to evidence. We are supposed to be as objective as possible, but the way the school's process is setup, students are expected to be found guilty. I can even reference a certain case where witnesses against the defendant were found lying during the Judicial Hearing and the defendant was still found guilty and received harsh sanctions. Yet, those witnesses did not receive any type of punishment for being deceitful during the Judicial Process, which is a penalty according to the Student Handbook.

I honestly do hope that the administration at this College looks to revamp the Judicial Process to make it more student-friendly. There

There should be consequences when students violate the College's policies.

should be consequences when students violate the College's policies. Nevertheless, the school's Judicial System should focus more on trying to correct those actions rather than publicly shaming an individual for liability purposes. Being known

as a "caring college" instills certain rights to its students. Unfortunately, the College's Judicial Program does not support this quality as a subjective process opposed to individuals being found innocent.

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Editor's Note

While we realize that the opinions seen in this issue of FOCUS overwhelmingly speak to the negative side of the Social Judicial System, we made several attempts to find a member of the administration to explain the current system and how it works; however, no one was available.

According to President Helm, the Judicial Process was once reviewed by one of the top legal councils in the country and found to be a fair process; therefore, the College is careful to stick to the process so that it remains just.

PROCEDURES FOR RESOLVING ALLEGATION OF ACADEMIC BEHAVIOR CODE VIOLATION*

Faculty member:

Includes statement on syllabus about academic integrity and possible penalties for violations of the ABC.

Reads work that appears to be problematic; investigates sources such as websites or test file.

Consults the ABC (www.muhlenberg.edu/mgt/deanst/student-guide.pdf/abc). May call Dean of the College for Academic Life to clarify policy and procedures; no student names given; does not constitute a report.

Discusses concerns with student to arrive at the truth.

Assesses penalty when/if violation is determined. Notifies the student of the penalty. Sends notification of any penalty more severe than re-submission of the assignment to the Dean for Academic Life within five days of imposing that penalty. (Re-submission does not constitute a recorded allegation in the Dean's Office.)

Depending upon the severity of the situation, penalty could be:

failure on the assignment (most common penalty).

failure in the course.

forced withdrawal from the course with no credit received, VF on transcript.



Dean of Academic Life:

Sends letter to student.

Meets with student to discuss the situation, value of academic integrity and student's options as outlined in the ABC.

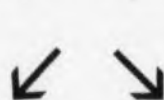


First Allegation

Student may choose to accept the sanction and not go to the Hearing Board.

Second Allegation

A second allegation must go before a Hearing Board comprised of 3 faculty and 3 students.



If student requests hearing and is found to have violated the Code, Board may uphold original sanction or recommend harsher sanction.

Sanctions may include:

Forced withdrawal from course with no credit received (VF on transcript)

Suspension (1, 2, or 3 semesters)

Expulsion

Revocation of selected privileges

Others as deemed appropriate

*Violations include: cheating during examinations; plagiarism; collusion, furnishing false information in connection with any academic course; helping or hindering others; falsification or invention of information or citation in any academic exercise; other acts of academic dishonesty.

Q and A

with Mark Stein, Assistant Professor of History, who currently serves as the Chair of the Academic Judicial Board.

How many cases do you get per semester?

Very few cases come to a full hearing. First reported allegations of violation of the ABC are dealt with by Dean Wilson. She could tell you the number of cases that come to her each term. First allegations only come to a hearing if the student disputes the sanction imposed by the instructor. Second violation allegations MUST have a hearing. At that point, the student can plead not guilty and the hearing board reviews the case and comes to a judgment and discusses sanctions. If the student pleads guilty, the board moves directly to discussing the possible sanctions.

In the three years I have been on the AJB only three cases have come to a hearing.

Is there a hearing to decide innocent or guilty?

The focus is less on guilt, innocence and punishment, and more on maintaining our College community's shared standards of intellectual and academic behavior. Violations of the ABC—whether plagiarism or cheating—are not just against the rules, but are offenses against one's fellow students.

How many people sit on the board, students or faculty?

The Hearing Board consists of three faculty and three student members of the AJB. The potential pool is larger: six faculty are elected to serve, and I think six or eight students.

What is the most prevalent offense that you have to hear?

It's hard to generalize from such a small sample. Plagiarism is probably the most prevalent offense.

What's the worst and best part about being on the Academic Judicial Board?

The hearings themselves, and the cases involved are difficult experiences. We are dealing with students who have committed serious violations of our shared values, and who are facing serious consequences. It is very hard to contemplate handing down sanctions like failing a course or suspension. It's terrible to have to deal with some of the worst behaviors Muhlenberg students can manifest. On the other hand, I have been so very impressed with the work done by the student members of the Board, who have approached this task with seriousness, empathy and good judgment. So I get to see both extremes at the same time.

FOCUS OpEd:

How the System Works

By Kate Hullfish
Class of 2008

About a year ago now, I received a grade that utterly shocked me. I've never been a straight A student, but my grades are decent and I work very hard to get the grades that I receive. So, when I got my spring semester report card in the mail and found that I got a D, I was absolutely appalled that this could happen, seemingly, out of nowhere. I felt that there was no warning; no grades were given back to me that warned me that I would be receiving a nearly failing grade in a class in which I worked hard and thought I would receive an average grade. Since this, I have become more interested in the grade appeal system. Even worse than the outcome of the class I took, is dealing with the College's sick Academic Political System. I've talked to everyone I could think of to contact, written scads of emails and had what I've said repeated to me in so many different ways to feign an answer, or at the very least, an understanding. I felt like I'm listening to a politician avoiding answering the question originally asked.

First of all, this information is hard to come by, so save this article. I didn't even know where to start asking questions, but eventually I found myself going to Carol Shiner-Wilson, Dean of the College for Academic Life to explain the situation and ask what could be done. This is what I found:

Any student may initiate a request to review academic progress with a faculty member in whose class s/he is currently enrolled or has been recently enrolled. Sometimes that progress is linked to a grade; sometimes not. Like all reputable institutions of higher education, Muhlenberg honors the authority of the faculty member in determining criteria for evaluation in a course.

In other words, the professor is not held accountable for the grade they have given. The grade is not and will not be peer reviewed—as this is understood to be extremely offensive among faculty. What is deemed fair by the teacher who is being disputed remains so, if he or she should be so stubborn, with no one who could institute any sort of consequence to object.

Muhlenberg College has a protocol by which students have ample opportunity to have conversations about academic work and grades; it is not a formal appeals procedure. The student first speaks with the professor of the class. Most conversations end at this level since there is a mutual understanding of the academic work and standards for evaluation. If the student is not satisfied with the results, s/he may speak with the department head. In some instances, the student will speak with the provost or the Dean of the College for Academic Life after a conversation with the department head.

This explains why this information is so hard to find. The College does not have a formal appeals process. If you want to dispute a grade, it is between you and your professor. In my case, I wanted to bring attention to the issue, not just for myself, but on behalf of other students who have suffered an unfair grade by this same professor in the past.

Students are sometimes disappointed with the results, especially if it regards raising a grade. However... students do have voice; students are heard. The process is fair.

If any student has concerns about the protocol, s/he should feel free to bring those concerns to the Academic Policy Committee, a faculty committee with two students who are voting members. Student representatives are: Stephanie Pistilli and Greg Rose.

I'm still wondering where my voice is heard about a year later. After speaking with Dean Shiner-Wilson, I was told to give up and furthermore, that I would probably not do well in my philosophy class.

Nearby, Moravian College has a similar policy, yet, with a more definite ending to the process. The grade is reviewed and a written answer is given to the student. I wrote to Dr. Traupman-Carr, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at Moravian College to inquire about their system, to see if it is more conclusive than the one at Muhlenberg.

Dr. Traupman-Carr said, "The process isn't particularly well defined, as you can see from the Moravian College student handbook: Students are responsible for maintaining standards of academic performance and integrity. Students, however, may seek review of grades that they feel were not based on considered judgment. If the question is not resolved after consultation with the instructor, it may be taken to the department chair. If further review is desired, the appeal may be taken to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs."

If this was to occur, Dr. Traupman-Carr says, "The student is to write up 'his/her side' to explain what evidence the student has regarding the final grade. I then review this, and ask the instructor to give me the grades he/she recorded, and I check the syllabus to make sure that the components of the grade was clearly spelled out. If it's clear that there was an error, then I go back to the instructor, show what I found, and we put in a grade change. If it's clear the student misunderstood or miscalculated, then I notify the student in writing what I discovered. If it's not clear either way, then I take the case to the Academic Standards Committee (a committee of 5), and we review it and come to a conclusion."

Moravian College's system is very much like the College's, but with a little more direction given. In my case, when I wanted to dispute my grade, I was never told where to go, who to ask or what I should do next.

Lehigh University has a more formally structured system, one that I think would greatly benefit the situations like the one I am in. Sharon K. Basso, Associate Vice Provost and Dean of Students of Lehigh University, explained the guidelines of the system to me in an email. She wrote, "*Redress of Academic Grievances*: An undergraduate (or group of undergraduates) with a complaint arising out of any course should bring the complaint first to the instructor of the course in which the grievance occurred. If, after meeting with the instructor, the student feels that satisfaction has not been received, the complaint should then be taken to the instructor's immediate superior, and so on up the line, from the instructor of a section to the faculty member in charge of all sections of the course, the Department Chairperson, and the Dean of the College."

This is an aspect of the system that I would like to see instituted at the College. I wanted the support of students who had been in similar situations with the same professor and felt the same way I did, but felt that garnering this support would not be well received. I felt like I was fighting against the odds—I'm sure many other people have felt that way too and didn't say anything because they were afraid. Feeling this way made the grade appeal a difficult issue to pursue and I feel that this is exactly the kind of discouragement that the administration relies on so that students will not dispute grades.

Dean Basso further explained, "If the student (or group of students) believes the grievance should not go to the instructor, he or she should take it to the instructor's immediate superior. In case of doubt as to whom to bring the grievance, the student should consult the Dean of the College or the Dean of Students Office."

This is another aspect of the Lehigh University grade appeals system that I would like to see adopted here. There should be consequences to the professor as well as the student. A professor's superior should be contacted in the case of a grievance. They should not be able to quietly dismiss the problem by explaining their methods to a student; their criteria should be evaluated by their peers for fairness and justification. Teaching methods should be peer judged in the same way published academic work is, the two should be equally important in qualifying a professor. In my case, some guidelines of the way I would be graded were misunderstood, but it was not entirely my fault and I feel that I should not be the only one to suffer.

"After this point," Dean Basso concludes, "if a student is still not satisfied they may go to the Committee on the Standing of Students or, for graduate students, the Committee on Standing of Graduate Students."

Though many of these actions cannot be taken at Muhlenberg, since there is no formal system, I felt as if what I had to say was considered an unnecessary burden and a futile endeavor. The institution of a formal Grade Appeals System would acknowledge that professors make mistakes and hold biases like any other person. Without a formal system, I feel this is ignored, and that students are discouraged to suggest that a professor may not be grading fairly.